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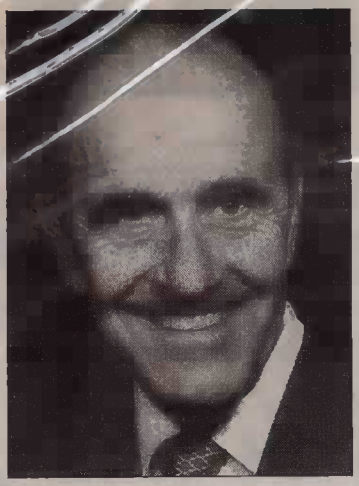
PATRICK A. CANCRO



NEWPORT NEWS - Patrick A. Cancro, 83, passed away peacefully at home Tuesday evening, Jan. 6, 2004, in the loving care of his wife of 60 years, Mildred.

Pat was born in Yonkers, N.Y. on Nov. 27, 1920. He graduated from Clarkson University in upper New York state, excelling in athletics in all major sports.

Pat was invited to try-out for the Philadelphia Eagles, but instead chose to marry his childhood sweetheart, Mildred, and pursue a career in engineering at NASA.

In 1963, Pat moved to Newport News, working at the Fort Eustis Aviation Laboratories and was instrumental at developing improvements to the rotor system of helicopters.

Pat retired in 1982 to spend more time with his wife and family. He enjoyed working in his yard, playing golf, and annual family vacations to the beach. He liked to sit in his yard on warm spring days, admiring his azaleas and dogwoods, and thanking God for his good fortune. He was happy at the beach where he could enjoy his grandchildren and the ocean waters.

Pat is survived by his wife, Mildred; three sons, John and his wife, Christine, from Pittsburgh, Pa., Michael and his fiancée, Michele, from High Point, N.C., Timothy and his wife, Leigh, from Richmond, Va.; eight grandchildren, Teresa, Catherine, Maria, Michael, Amy, Daniel, Patricia, and Stephanie; and a brother, George from Newfield, N.Y.

A funeral Mass will be held at St. Jerome's Catholic Church on Saturday, Jan. 10, at 1 p.m. The family will receive friends from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial contributions be made in Pat's name to the Alzheimer's Association, Hampton Roads Chapter, 20 Interstate Corporate Center, Suite 233, Norfolk, VA 23502.

Arrangements by Weymouth Funeral Home.

IRENE POTEAT CHRISTIAN

HAMPTON - Irene Poteat Christian, 84, died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2004. A native of Morganton, N.C., she had been a Hampton resident since 1937.

Mrs. Christian is survived by her husband, Mercer W. Christian Jr.; son, Mercer W. Christian III and his wife, Lesa, of Hampton; sister, Sadie P. Cuthbertson; brother, Raymond I. Poteat, both of Morganton, N.C.; three nieces, one nephew and a host of loving friends.

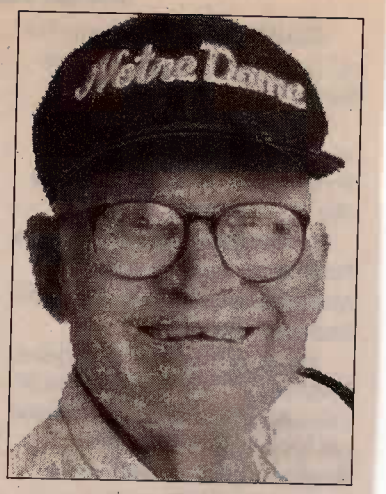
Upon her arrival in Hampton, Mrs. Christian went to work at NACA/NASA where she was employed as a mathematician until her retirement. She was a member of the Norfolk Camellia Society, Virginia Daffodil Society, Peninsula Horticultural Society, and Virginia Peninsula Rose Society. She served as a judge for the American Rose Society, judging competitions throughout the East Coast for many years. She was also a volunteer for the Hampton Clean City Commission and she volunteered a display garden for the Virginia Master Gardeners at Bluebird Gap Farm. Irene is a former member of First Baptist Church, Newport News. Since 1989, she has been a faithful and devoted member of Hampton Baptist Church and the Pathfinders Sunday School Class.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to Noon on Wednesday, Jan. 7, inside the Chapel Mausoleum at Parklawn Memorial Park, Hampton. The funeral service will follow at Noon in the Chapel Mausoleum. Dr. Charles Smith, Pastor of Hampton Baptist Church will officiate and Dr. Chester Brown, Pastor Emeritus, will assist.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the organization of your choice.

Arrangements by R. Hayden Smith Funeral Home.

THOMAS DELLI CARPINI



HAMPTON - Thomas Delli Carpini, age 83, of Hampton, died at the Northampton Convalescent Center on Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2003, of complications related to Alzheimer's disease.

Born in Teano, Italy, he came to the United States when he was two years old and grew up in Weirton, W.Va., where he graduated as valedictorian from Follansbee High School in 1938. Unable to serve in the armed services during World War II, he took a job with the newly created the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA), married Wanda Bailey, and moved to Hampton in 1942. He continued to work as an engineering technician with NASA until his retirement in 1980 and was honored with awards relating to his work on the space shuttle and for 37 years of meritorious service.

A lifelong Democrat, he instilled the values of his working-class roots in his children along with his love of politics, the Yankees, and Notre Dame. He was an avid golfer and community volunteer, helping to establish the Northampton Little League, where he served as president and officiated from 1956 to 1980. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church, Hampton, and affiliated with the Hampton BPOE Lodge 366.

After the death of his wife in 1989, he joined the Sunshiners where he met Marge Bukovitch, marrying her in 1994. They lived very happily until Alzheimer's began to take it terrible toll.

He was a gentle, kind soul, "the nicest man in the world," according to his sister-in-law, Fran Bailey. He will be remembered by family and friends for his generosity, intellect, unbounded love of family, service to his community, and a well-lived life.

He is survived by his wife, Marge of Hayes, Va.; sisters, Lena Magnone and Ida Calvarese of Weirton, W.Va.; his children, Sherri West of Manasquan, N.J., Thomas D. Jr. of Wildwood, Mo., Jennifer Ashcraft and Gina Neil of Hampton; and eight grandchildren who will miss "Pa" dearly.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations in his memory be sent to the Immaculate Conception Church, Hampton, or to the Hampton Roads Chapter, Alzheimer's Association, 20 Interstate Corp. Center, Suite 233, Norfolk, VA 23502.

A memorial service celebrating Tom's life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, at the Immaculate Conception Church by the Rev. Robert E. French.

Arrangements by Berceuse Funeral and Cremation Traditions.

CADD THOMAS MOORE JR.

YORKTOWN - Cadd Thomas "Tom" Moore Jr., 68, of Yorktown, Va., passed away Saturday, Jan. 17, 2004, after a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease.

The son of the late Cadd T. Moore Sr. and the late Elizabeth Mapp Moore, Mr. Moore was born Nov. 18, 1935, in Norfolk, Va., and grew up in Suffolk, Va.

He attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg and graduated in 1958. He was employed as an engineer for NASA Langley Research Center from 1961 to 1995.

He was an active member of Fox Hill Road Baptist Church in Hampton, prior to moving to Yorktown and joining Grafton Baptist Church.

He enjoyed skiing, woodworking, baseball and many other activities. He assisted with coaching York County Little League Baseball for many years after his children were grown and in college.

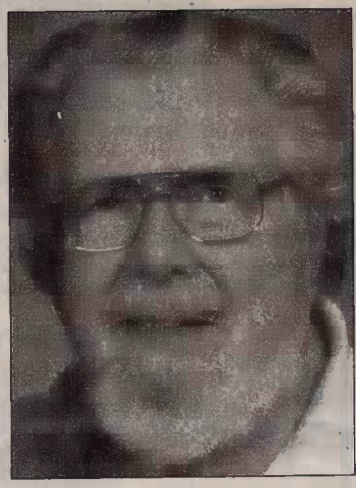
Survivor's include his wife of 45 years, Rushie Sites Moore; one son, Cadd T. "CT" Moore III and his wife, Denise, of Yorktown; one daughter, Brenda M. Begley and her husband, Brian, of Highland, Mich.; three granddaughters, Elysse, Collyn and Brandi; a brother, James E. Moore of Fountain Inn, S.C.; and many nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 19, at Altmeyer Funeral Home in Newport News.

A funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 20, in Altmeyer Funeral Home Chapel by the Rev. Jim Moynihan and the Rev. Don Stroud. Entombment will follow in Parklawn Memorial Park in Hampton.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Research Center, 640 Jackson St., St. Paul, MN 55101.

HAROLD CRATE



NEWPORT NEWS - Harold Crate, 87, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 15, 2004. He was born in Mokena, Ill., to Irving and Catherine Crate on Oct. 21, 1916.

Mr. Crate received his Master's degree from the University of Illinois, and began work at NACA in 1942. He retired from NASA as Head of the Mechanical Design Branch at Langley Research Facilities Division, Engineering Division, after 32 years, where he was instrumental in establishing tracking stations for the Mercury space project. After retirement, he was active in the Tidewater Appalachian Trail Club, and he traveled extensively with his beloved wife, Margaret.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Margaret Corbell Crate; three sons, David Crate of Newport News, Steven Paul Crate and his wife, Linda Hartman Crate, of Christiansburg, Va., and Jeffrey Todd Crate and his wife, Ann Winesett Crate, of Blacksburg, Va.; and two granddaughters, Jennie Elizabeth and Emily Ann.

A visitation will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, in W. J. Smith & Son Funeral Home.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, in North Riverside Baptist Church, with Rev. Quentin Madden officiating. Burial will follow in Peninsula Memorial Park. The family will receive friends after the service in the home.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, #20 Interstate Corporate Center, Suite 233, Norfolk, VA 23502, or to North Riverside Baptist Church, 311 Selden Road, Newport News, VA 23606.

Arrangements by W. J. Smith & Son Funeral Home.

ALBERTA MURRAY INSLEY

YORKTOWN - Alberta Murray Insley, 82, passed away on Friday, Jan. 16, 2004, at the Medical College of Virginia after a short illness. A native of Springfield Long Island, N.Y, she was a Yorktown resident for the last 55 years.

Mrs. Insley was a former employee of NASA, and very active in the 4H and Lupus Foundation for many years. She was a member of Crooks Memorial United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her loving husband of 53 years, Albert B. Insley; her daughters, Ellen Marie Smith and her husband, Mike, of Chester, Va., Beverly Deaton of Yorktown; a son, Gary M. Insley of Yorktown; a sister, Marion Rafferly of New York; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

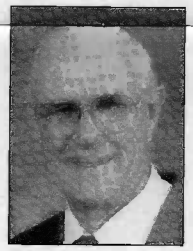
A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 19, in Amory Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive friends following the service. Burial will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the York County Department of Fire and Life Safety, P.O. Box 532, Yorktown, VA 23692.

Robert A. Champine

Robert A. "Bob" Champine died on Dec. 17, 2003, the 100th anniversary of manned flight. He was 82.

Champine spent 36 years as a pilot for the U.S. Navy, NASA and its predecessor, the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA). He flew more than 150 aircraft with 11,300 hours of flight time. He also flew as a private pilot for 56 years, making his last flight in a Fairchild PT-19 in 1995.



Champine

Champine was born on March 6, 1921, in St. Paul, Minn. He graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1943 with a degree in aeronautical engineering and was commissioned an ensign in the Navy. He served as a pilot during World War II and remained in the U.S. Naval Reserve for 22 years.

Champine began his NACA career at Langley Memorial Aeronautical Laboratory in 1947 but transferred one year later to the High-Speed Flight Research Station at Muroc, Calif., where he flight-tested the Bell X-1, the Douglas D-558-I (Skystreak) and the Douglas D-558-II (Skyrocket).

On Dec. 2, 1948, Champine became the sixth man and the third civilian to break the sound barrier. He exceeded Mach 1 on NACA flight 23, checking handling qualities and pressure distribution on the X-1 #2 after being dropped from the B-29 mother ship above the Rogers Dry Lake in California.

On Aug. 4, 1949, NACA flight 32, he again exceeded Mach 1, performing rolls, pull-ups, sideslips and check of stabilizer effectiveness. This was his 13th and last flight on the X-1. He flew the first research flights on the D-558-I on April 22, 1949, and the first research flights of the D-558-II on May 24, 1949, beginning the supersonic research program on these aircraft on June 1, 1949.

vehicles to achieve a successful lunar landing. He performed many flights with the Rendezvous Docking Simulator suspended high above the hangar floor at Langley to perfect the docking and rendezvous maneuvers of spacecraft that we see being performed flawlessly by today's astronauts.

Champine was inducted in the Virginia Aviation Hall of Fame in 1979 and was named an "Elder Statesman of Aviation" in 2002.

He was preceded in death by his son, Daniel Robert Champine, and his former wife, Dorothy Comstock Champine. He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Gloria Rhoads Champine, five children, three step-children, 24 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Sara Bullock

Sara Bullock died on Dec. 20, 2003, at the age of 93. Bullock, a native of Danielsville, Ga., worked as a mathematician for NASA, retiring in 1970 after 27 years of service.

Walter J. Felker

Walter J. Felker died on Dec. 24, 2003, at the age of 77. Felker, a native of Hampton, served in the U.S. Navy and was a veteran of World War II. He graduated from the NACA Apprentice School in 1955 and worked as an aerospace engineering technician until his retirement in 1985.

John S. Hickson

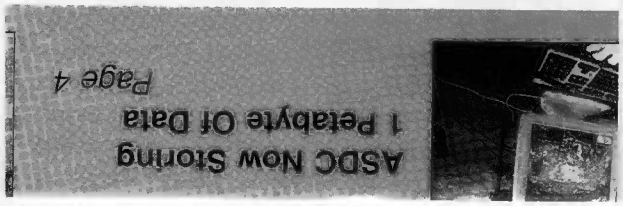
John Spottswood Hickson died on Dec. 25, 2003, at the age of 82. Hickson, a native of Naranja, Fla., worked for the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA) at Langley Memorial Aeronautical Laboratory.

Joseph E. Howell Jr.

Joseph E. Howell Jr. died on Dec. 25, 2003, at the age of 74. Howell, a native of Portsmouth, was a veteran of the Korean War. He went on to work as an electrical engineer for NASA.

Alphanzo M. Rackley

Alphanzo "Mac" McLure Rackley died on Dec. 12, 2003, at the age of 89. Rackley, a native of Rose Hill, N.C., served in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He went on to work as an engineer technician for NASA, retiring after 35 years of service.



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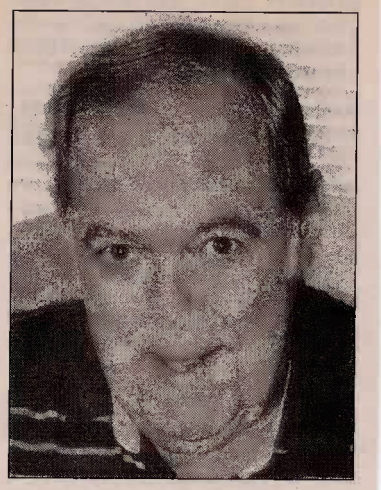

YORKTOWN - Robert B. Forrest, 76, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 17, 2004. He was a native of Elizabeth City County (Hampton) and the son of the late James Blanchard and Mary Lillian Forrest.

He retired from NASA-Langley as Head of the Operations Support Division in 1986 after more than 30 years of service. He was instrumental in providing mechanical support for the original Mercury astronauts during their training at Langley.

Known to friends and loved ones as Buddy, he devoted his life to those around him and most especially his family.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Mary, who shared his passion for boating, travel and dining.

Buddy's career exemplified his desire for knowledge and drive for perfection. In the early years, he worked in men's clothing, then in WWII, he served in the Merchant Marines. After the war he worked briefly in the shipyard until he got his call to NACA; working his way up to Head of OSD at NASA-Langley.

As a member of the Lake Gaston American Legion, he was an active member and looked forward to the many fund raising events the Legion sponsored. He was also a member of the AF & AM St. Tammany Lodge No. 5, Monitor Lodge No. 197 in Hampton, Scottish Rite and Shrine.

He is survived by his loving wife, Mary; daughter, Linda and son-in-law, Tom Sawyer, of Yorktown; sisters, Charlotte Spencer of Hampton, Mary Lou and Hamilton Wood of Newport News, Gwendolyn Callis of Gloucester and Marion and Butch Counts of Phoenix; grandsons, Robert Sawyer and wife, Tracy, of Virginia Beach, Stephen Sawyer and wife, Beth, of Roanoke; and two great-grandchildren, Evan Sawyer and Hannah Sawyer.

The family will receive friends from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 19, at Parklawn-Wood Funeral Home in Hampton. After the visitation, a service to celebrate Buddy's life will be held at 7 p.m. in the funeral home chapel. Services will be conducted by his nephew, the Rev. Michael Ward. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Parklawn Memorial Park in Hampton. Services will be assisted by the Brethren from Monitor Lodge No. 197.

Arrangements are under the care of Parklawn-Wood Funeral Home, 2551 N. Armistead Ave., Hampton.

VINCENT J. SERIO JR.

RICHMOND - Vincent J. Serio Jr. died Jan. 17, 2004, at his home of natural causes.

He was born Jan. 3, 1925, in Newport News, Va. He was salutatorian of St. Vincent High School in Newport News in 1942 and attended The College of William and Mary until he entered service in the U.S. Army in 1944.

After the war, he studied aeronautical engineering at VPI. He worked for N.A.C.A. Flight Research, Reynolds Metals and AMF in his long career as a research engineer and inventor.

In 1975, he founded Sail Engineering which he operated out of his home until his death. He had numerous U.S. patents during his career, inventing cameras used in NASA's moon and space shuttle programs, machinery used in packaging and apparel industries and servo mechanisms used in hobby and robotic applications.

He was a member of the Richmond area MG Club of America and the Brainbusters Model Airplane Club in Tidewater.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 29 years, Mary Emily Huddle Serio, in 1976.

He is survived by his daughter, Margaret Shults of Powhatan; his son and daughter-in-law, Vincent J. Serio III, M.D. and Catherine Devany Serio, Ph.D., of Boise, Idaho; four grandchildren, William Shults and Emily Shults, both of Powhatan, and Sofia Serio and Lilia Serio of Boise; and a great-granddaughter, Harmony Bray of Powhatan.

The Rev. Adrian W. Harmening, OSB, will preside over the memorial Mass on Wednesday, Jan. 21, at St. Bridget's Catholic Church in Richmond.

BELITA BROWN BROSKIE

HAMPTON - Belita Brown Broskie, 84, went home to her heavenly Father on Jan. 20, 2004, in the company of her loving family at the Northampton Convalescent Center in Hampton, her home for the past four years.

She was born on Sept. 25, 1919, to the late Honorable Alfred Gordon Brown of Hampton and Maria de la Vega of Mazatlán, Mexico, and grew up on Wine Street in downtown Hampton. She was an honors graduate of Hampton High School, class of 1936, and studied business at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Va. She went on to work in civil service at Langley Field (NASA) for 15 years and was known for her excellent skills in shorthand and typing. In 1952, she married Harry W. Broskie, a veteran of World War II and photographer for NASA. She was married for 35 years until his death in 1987.

She is also preceded in death by her son, Gordon G. Broskie of Hampton, and sister, Vara Brown Lyons of Biloxi, Miss. She is survived by her sons, Harry G. Broskie of Newport News, Paul M. Broskie of York County, and John T. Broskie of Orlando, Fla.; daughters, Ann B. Gurley and her husband, Bob A. Gurley, of Hampton, Carolyn B. Moore and her husband, Charles Steven Moore, of Hampton; sister, Betty Brown Spreemann of Hampton; and 10 grandchildren.

Many thanks to the staff of Northampton Convalescent Center for their loving care.

Her family and friends will always remember her as a strong and generous devoted mother who adored her six children.

God bless you Mom. We will miss you.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted 10:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 23, at St. Joseph Catholic Church by the Rev. Gerard Schreiber with burial to follow at St. John's Cemetery in Hampton.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church, 512 Buckroe Ave., Hampton, VA 23664.

Arrangements are under the care of Parklawn-Wood Funeral Home, 2551 North Armistead Avenue in Hampton.

Tuskegee Airman James L. 'Jim' Williams, 77

By Norman Tippens
Daily Press

HAMPTON

Before James L. "Jim" Williams could overcome gravity, he had to overcome the weight of prejudice.

He succeeded at both.

He earned his wings as one of the famous Tuskegee airmen. He went on to a 39-year career as an aerospace engineer at NASA Langley, involved at the end of his work in fine tuning the flight of large structures in space.

He achieved most at a time when racial segregation in America acted like a tailhook on a black man with dreams.

When he began his work at Langley in 1951, he could not use restrooms or cafeteria marked for whites only, said his wife, Julia G. Williams.

"He did it with grace," said Mrs. Williams. "He said you just have to have your goals."

Mr. Williams, who died Tuesday at 77, came from Philadelphia.

A teacher at South East Catholic High School saw his interest in flight and encouraged him. He was 17 when he enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1944.

Training had already begun for the young men who volunteered to be America's first black airmen, at a time when some questioned whether a black man possessed the gifts to be a pilot. The first aviation cadet class met in July 1941 — just months before the United States entered World War II. Training was at Tuskegee Army Air Field in Alabama.

Mr. Williams graduated as a flight officer in Class 45F on Sept. 8, 1945.

His training, according to William F. Holton of Columbia, Md., national historian for Tuskegee Airmen Inc., would have involved three levels. Cadets first learned to fly on a bi-wing plane. They graduated to a higher-powered aircraft and learned to fly solo and cross-country patterns. Their advanced training was on a P-40 combat aircraft.

The program would eventually graduate 996 pilots — about half of whom saw combat — before ending in 1946, according to Holton.

Mr. Williams earned a degree in Aeronautical Engineering from the University of Michigan in 1951 and headed to a job at Langley. But first he had to be accepted into a work group.

"A lot didn't want him in their group," recalled Mrs. Williams. "A department chairman, John D. Byrd of Georgia, accepted him."

At Langley, Mr. Williams first worked for NACA, the National Advisory Group for Aeronautics, in the Stability Wind Tunnel.

By 1970 he had earned a master's degree in mathematics from The College of William and Mary.

He began to work in the analysis of aircraft stability and control, making sure aircraft flew as they were designed to fly. His job required the former pilot to describe in mathematical terms what pilots experience in flight, according to Jim Batterson, head of the Dynamics and Control Branch at NASA Langley.

"He had a true understanding of what an aircraft did," said Batterson, referring to Mr. Williams' pilot training.

He completed his career at Langley working as part of a team looking for ways to minimize the size and vibration of large space structures such as telescopes, antennas and space stations, said Batterson.

In retirement, Mr. Williams was an instructor in the School of Engineering at Hampton University.

Mr. Williams was appointed to serve on the Hampton School Board in 1977, filling a vacancy created when Mary Christian left the board.

His death leaves the Tidewater Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen Inc. with four members, according to Brenda Bowie, chapter president of Hampton.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Williams is survived by three children, Dr. Martin J. Williams of Boston, Father George W. Williams of Canton, Mich., and Dr. Grace M. Williams of Fairfax; a daughter-in-law, Dr. Jennifer E. Smith-Williams; three grandchildren; a sister, Mary W. Tymes of Philadelphia; nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be today at Perkins Funeral Home. An Omega memorial service will be held at 6:30 p.m. by Zeta Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. This will be followed by a vigil service and visitation until 8 p.m.

A funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Engineering Scholarship Fund, Hampton University, Office of Development.

***Norman Tippens** can be reached at 247-4795 or by e-mail at ntippens@dailypress.com*

NED WADDELL COOPER

YORKTOWN - Ned Waddell Cooper, 64, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 22, 2004.

Mr. Cooper was a native of Rocky Mount, N.C., and a Yorktown resident since 1960. He retired from NASA in 1997 as a technician with 38 years of service and was an Air Force veteran serving in North Africa during the Algerian War. He was a member of Crooks Memorial United Methodist Church.

Mr. Cooper is survived by his loving and devoted wife for 39 years, Shirley Dawn Cooper; two sons, David Glenn Cooper and his wife, Jennifer, of Newport News and Mark Allen Cooper of Yorktown; three brothers, Charles Cooper of Frankford, W.Va., James Darris Cooper Jr. of Cornelia, Ga., and Lee Cooper of Reno, Nev.; a granddaughter, Rachel Elizabeth Cooper. Also, his special companion "TOMMY The Cat."

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 26, in Crooks Memorial United Methodist Church, by Rev. H. Jack Lynch. The family will receive friends prior to the service from 12:00 until service time. A reception will be held following the service in the church social hall. A private graveside service will be held in Parklawn Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Crooks Memorial United Methodist Church Building Fund, 204 Cook Road, Yorktown, VA 23692.

Amory Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

DELLA CARTER

NEWPORT NEWS - Della Poole Carter, 94, died Saturday, Jan. 24, 2004, at Riverside Regional Convalescent Center.

Born in Danville on March 24, 1909, she was raised in Portsmouth and lived on the Peninsula all of her adult life.

Della worked her way through school earning a BS degree. She was a teacher at Norview High School for eight years, worked for the Social Security Administration for 10 years, and was a secretary at NASA for 20 years.

She was a member of North Riverside Baptist Church, kept the nursery for many years and was a member of the Ruth Bible Study Class.

Della always said her proudest moments were marrying her husband, Charles Hilton Carter, and the birth of her son, Charles Howard Carter.

Della was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Hilton Carter, and is survived by her son, Charles Howard Carter and his wife, Cynthia L. Carter, of Hampton.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, by Dr. Furman Kenney at the Weymouth Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will be in Peninsula Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to North Riverside Baptist Church, 311 Selden Road, Newport News, VA 23606.

In Memoriam

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Martin Gracey

Martin Gracey died on Jan. 15 at the age of 87. Gracey, a native of Belfast, Northern Ireland, served as a flight instructor for the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and later managed pilot training contracts for the U.S. Air Force at bases in Florida, Georgia, Mississippi and Texas.

Gracey also managed support services contracts for NASA at Johnson Space Center, Langley Research Center and Wallops Island. He retired as a partner in Klate Holt Co., a support services contractor for Langley.

Iberta M. Insley

Iberta Murray Insley died on Jan. 16 at the age of 82. Insley, a native of Springfield, N.Y, was a NASA retiree.

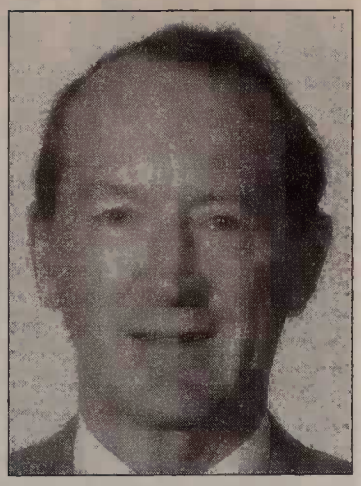
Cadd T. Moore Jr.

Cadd Thomas "Tom" Moore Jr. died on Jan. 17 at the age of 68. Moore, a native of Norfolk, worked as an engineer at Langley Research Center from 1961 to 1995.

Henry G. Smith Jr.

Henry G. Smith Jr. died on Jan. 14 at the age of 91. Smith, a native of Society Hill, S.C., worked at Kennedy Space Center for 15 years, first on the construction of the Vehicle Assembly Building and, in his final assignment, as project manager on the construction of the space shuttle runway. He retired to Williamsburg in 1985.

JOHN C. McFALL JR.



HAMPTON - John C. McFall Jr., retired NASA Aeronautical Research Engineer, died Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2004, in Williamsburg Community Hospital. He was 78.

He was born in rural Florence, Ala., on Oct. 16, 1925, the son of John C. and Vera McFall.

Upon graduation from high school in 1943, he volunteered for naval flight school and was a Navy Pilot in training when WWII ended.

After the war he attended the University of Alabama receiving a Bachelor's Degree in Aeronautical Engineering.

He began his career in Hampton at NASA-Langley Research Center in 1948 when NASA was still known as N.A.C.A. (National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics).

His division worked more in a technical than administrative capacity, devising and carrying out experimental flight test techniques with aircraft and spacecraft.

His projects included recognition for the development of the underwater location transmitter now used on commercial aircraft flight data and voice recorders and in the 1970's originating and developing the parachute system used in the two successful Viking landings on Mars.

During his 33 years at NASA his programs also included both oceanographic and environmental research.

After serving on loan from NASA to the National Science Foundation in Washington, D.C., as program manager for technology transfer he retired to Williamsburg in 1981.

During retirement he was associated with the Royal Aeronautical Society from 1981-1985 as technical Liaison with data users and then enjoyed working for seven years with Colonial Williamsburg as a Historical Interpreter.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Mabel T. McFall; sisters, Lois Berdan and Helen Hawk of Lenoir City, Tenn.; and two sons, John C. McFall III and James R. McFall.

A private burial service will be held at Parklawn Memorial Park in Hampton.

The family request memorial donations be made to local Alzheimer's Association Offices.

Arrangements are under the care of Parklawn-Wood Funeral Home, 2551 N. Armistead Ave., Hampton.

JANE ELLEN WILES DREHER

YORKTOWN - Jane Ellen Wiles Dreher, 72, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 1, 2004.

Mrs. Dreher was a native of Anderson County, S.C., and a Peninsula resident since 1952. She worked as a mathematician at N.A.C.A. from 1952 to 1962. She was an active member of the Yorkminster Presbyterian Church, a Sunday school teacher and member of Presbyterian Women.

She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother and is survived by her loving husband of 45 years, Robert C. Dreher; two daughters, Karen Carter of Yorktown and Kathryn Moore and her husband, David, of Poquoson; a sister, Josephine Johnson and her husband, Karl, of Clemson, S.C.; four grandchildren, Chelsea Marie Carter, Ryan Dreher Carter, Travis Robert Moore and Tyler Grayson Moore.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 3, in Parklawn Memorial Park by Revs. Jenny and Feild Russell. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Yorkminster Presbyterian Church.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, #20 Interstate Corporate Center, Suite 233, Norfolk, VA 23502.

CLIFFORD H. NELSON

WINTER PARK, FLA. - Clifford H. Nelson, 89, a resident of the Mayflower Retirement Center in Winter Park, Fla., passed away Feb. 3, 2004.

He was born Oct. 26, 1914, in Billings, Mont., attended the State College of Montana in Boxman, and graduated from the University of Washington as an electrical engineer. He spent his entire career with NASA and was a space scientist, doing pioneering work in jet propulsion and rocketry.

A longtime resident of Newport News, Va., he became a prominent figure in America's space program by managing the Lunar Orbiter Project which mapped the Moon for Apollo landing sites. He was appointed Director of Space for Langley Research Center and retired from NASA in 1972, receiving NASA's Exceptional Service Medal for civilian achievement. He and his wife, Helen Nelson, moved to Winter Park in July, 1999.

His memberships included PIKA fraternity, the National Engineers Club, and St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Newport News, Va.

Surviving are his wife, Helen Nelson; a son, Eric Scott Nelson; a daughter, Karin Nelson Griffith; four grandchildren, Gillian Tucker, David Griffith, Michael Nelson and Christopher Nelson; and six great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 6, in Duxbury Hall at the Mayflower Retirement Center, 1620 Mayflower Drive, Winter Park.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Mayflower Scholarship Fund.

ELIZABETH "BETTY" BARTLETT BOSWINKLE

NEWPORT NEWS - Elizabeth "Betty" Bartlett Boswinkle, 83, passed away at The Chesapeake on Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2004. Before moving to The Chesapeake, she lived for many years in the Riverside area of Newport News.

Betty was born in Lakeland, Fla. and lived in Florida, Massachusetts, New York, Michigan and Virginia. She attended business college in Michigan and was employed by several companies, by the U.S. Air Force and by NACA.

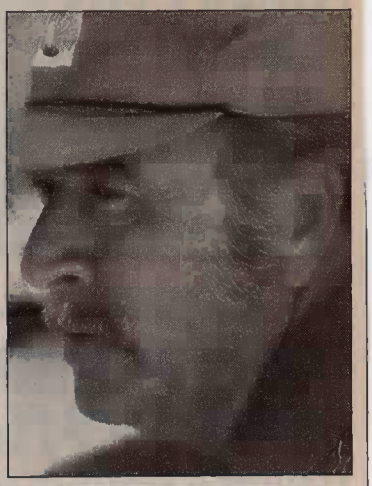
She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. In addition to her family, her interests included travel, cats, the beach, reading, aerobics, bridge and walking. She was a devoted guitar student. She loved to laugh. She was a charter member of St. Stephens Episcopal Church. She was also a member of the Bartlett Society, which recognized her as an eleventh generation descendant of Robert Bartlett, husband of Nancy Warren, a Mayflower passenger.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Robert W. Boswinkle; by a daughter, Virginia and her husband, Donald Anderson; by a daughter Jill and her husband, Neal Sweeney; by a son, William and his wife, Joan Boswinkle; seven grandchildren, Jamieson, Jonathan, Connor, Jackson, Caroline, Kaleb, and Willow and sister-in-law, Winnie Behrens.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 12 at Peninsula Funeral Home, 11144 Warwick Blvd. A private burial will be conducted on Friday morning in Peninsula Memorial Park. A memorial service will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 15 at St. Stephens Episcopal Church.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Stephens Episcopal Church, 572 [illegible] Blvd. Newport News, VA 23606 or to the [illegible] Research Center, 640 Jackson Street, St. Paul, MN 55101.

I.B. BLOXOM JR.



WICOMICO - Our father I.B. Bloxom Jr. passed away Feb. 14, 2004, at the age of 82. He was born Dec. 13, 1921, to the late Mima Mitchell-Bloxom and I.B. Bloxom Sr. of Battery Park, Va.

A WWII veteran, he served from 1942-1945 in the 15th Air Force, 461st bomber group, rising to 1st Lieutenant as a B-24 pilot. Based in Italy, he flew 55 missions to various German targets. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross, Victory Service Medal, Air Medal w/three oak leaf clusters, and the Bronze Star twice.

After the war he then worked at NASA in the wind tunnel. It was after NASA that his life turned to becoming a Real Estate Developer. I.B. developed First Colony on the James, The Ramada Inn-Williamsburg, Williamsburg East and Stratford Hall Apartments, and The Wax Museum, just to name a few before retiring.

I.B. was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn Moore Bloxom, and a son, Dennis Bloxom.

He is survived by his son, Robert Bloxom and wife, Virginia, of Wicomico, Va.; daughters, Mary Lou Sadler and husband, David, of Williamsburg, Nonie Kellogg and husband, Carl, of Smithfield, Laurie Stocks and husband, Hugh, of Cold Spring, Ky. 15 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren also survive.

A service to celebrate I.B.'s life will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, in the Bucktrout of Williamsburg Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Don Rhoton officiating. Interment will follow in the Williamsburg Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 until 8 p.m. Tuesday evening at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Red Cross, 1317 Jamestown Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185.

Bucktrout of Williamsburg is in charge of arrangements.

CHARLES PARKER LLEWELLYN

KINGWOOD, TEXAS - Charles Parker Llewellyn fell asleep peacefully on Monday, Feb. 2, 2004, after a courageous battle against pulmonary problems and cancer. His extraordinary life was exemplified by his love of family, his work, and his historical interest in the "War of the Northern Aggression," in which his great-grandfather fought for the South.

Charles was born in Newport News, Va., on Sept. 7, 1932, and grew up in the city and also in beautiful York County. He attended Newport News High School and was an outstanding athlete. He then graduated from Randolph Macon University with a B.S. Degree in Physics. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon and also excelled in football, achieving All American status.

He was preceded in death by his parents, May Parker and John Stanley Llewellyn, and niece, Elizabeth Witzke.

Charles is survived by his compassionate and loving wife, Dorothy; their children, Bronwen Llewellyn, Anna Lynn Lumsdon, John B. Schwebel, and Diane McMasters; and our beloved Timothy Madden; brother, John S. Llewellyn; sister, May Parker McClure; and many nieces, nephews and other relatives. Charles was a loving, funny, and knowledgeable Paw Paw to his grandchildren: Brandon, Nicholas, Ian and Anna Belle. Charles and John, known as the Llewellyn Brothers, were extremely close in their personal and professional lives leaving many stories to be told and retold.

Charles will be remembered for his many accomplishments in the Aerospace Program. He began his career with NACA, which later became NASA. He made many contributions to the space program beginning with the first Mercury Mission and continuing through the Gemini, Apollo, Skylab, Shuttle and Space Station eras. He was honored with many awards of excellence of which he was very proud. Charles was tremendously loved and will be terribly missed in our lives.

Funeral services were held 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 2929 Woodland Hills Drive, Kingwood, Texas, with the Rev. Dennis Fotinos, Celebrant.

In Memoriam

Belita B. Broskie

Belita Brown Broskie died on Jan. 20 at the age of 84. Broskie, a native of Hampton, worked as a secretary at Langley Field for 15 years and was the widow of Harry W. Broskie, who worked as a photographer for NASA.

Della P. Carter

Della Poole Carter died on Jan. 24 at the age of 94. Carter, a native of Danville, worked as a secretary for NASA for 20 years.

Ned W. Cooper

Ned Waddell Cooper died on Jan. 22 at the age of 64. Cooper, a native of Rocky Mount, N.C., served in the U.S. Air Force and was a veteran of the Algerian War. He went on to work as a technician for NASA, retiring after 38 years of service.

John C. McFall Jr.

John C. McFall died on Jan. 27 at the age of 78. McFall, a native of Florence, Ala., served in the U.S. Navy and was training to be a pilot when World War II ended. He went on to work at NASA for 33 years, contributing to the development of an underwater location transmitter and the parachute system for the Viking landers. He finished his NASA career on loan to the National Science Foundation, where he served as program manager for technology transfer.

Vincent J. Serio Jr.

Vincent J. Serio Jr. died on Jan. 17 at the age of 79. Serio, a native of Newport News, served in the U.S. Army and was a veteran of World War II. He went on to work for NASA, earning patents for inventing cameras used in the lunar and space shuttle programs. In 1975, he founded Sail Engineering, which he operated out of his home until his death.

James L. Williams

James L. "Jim" Williams died on Jan. 20 at the age of 77. Williams, a native of Philadelphia, served in the U.S. Army Air Corps and was a graduate of the pilot training program at the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama.

He worked as an aerospace research engineer at Langley Research Center for 39 years and went on to teach engineering at Hampton University. Williams also served on the board of directors for the Virginia Air & Space Center, Langley's official visitor center.

In Memoriam

I.B. Bloxom Jr.

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Elizabeth "Betty" Bartlett Boswinkle died on Feb. 10 at the age of 83. Boswinkle, a native of Lakeland, Fla., worked for the U.S. Air Force and for NACA.

Jane E.W. Dreher

Jane Ellen Wiles Dreher died on Feb. 1 at the age of 72. Dreher, a native of Anderson County, S.C., worked as a mathematician at NACA from 1952 to 1962.

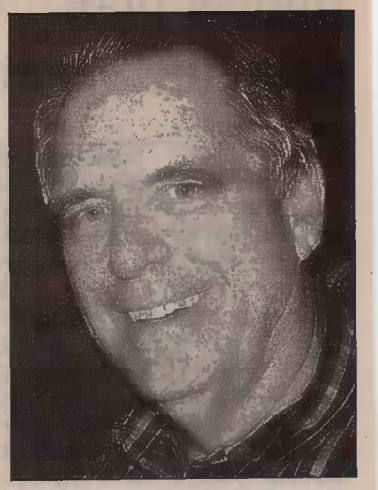
Charles P. Llewellyn

Charles Parker Llewellyn died on Feb. 2 at the age of 71. Llewellyn, a native of Newport News, worked at Langley and contributed to the Mercury, Gemini and Apollo missions, as well as Skylab, the Space Shuttle and the International Space Station.

Clifford H. Nelson

Clifford H. Nelson died on Feb. 3 at the age of 89. Nelson, a native of Billings, Mont., spent his entire career with NASA, doing pioneering work in jet propulsion and rocketry. He managed the Lunar Orbiter Project, which mapped the Moon for Apollo landing sites, and served as Langley Research Center's Director of Space. He earned NASA's Exceptional Service Medal and retired in 1972.

HERMAN I. MacDONALD JR.



WILLIAMSBURG - Herman I. "Jeff" MacDonald Jr., 68, of Williamsburg, Va., passed away peacefully at his home on Feb, 19, 2004, with his family at his side. Born on Feb. 14, 1936, in Sandersville, Ga., Jeff resided both in Williamsburg and at his most cherished home on Lake Sinclair in Milledgeville, Ga.

Jeff was a 1958 graduate of Georgia Tech with a degree in Aeronautical Engineering. His career started at NASA Langley Research Center in 1958 as a Aerostructures Engineer. He went on to work for Lockheed from 1959-65. The majority of Jeff's work was at AATD (Aviation Applied Technology Directorate) from Oct. 1965-June 1995 where he was instrumental in the R&D program on the AH-56A Cheyenne helicopter. For his work he received the Laboratories Technical Excellence Award. In later years Jeff was involved in developing models and simulations using artificial intelligence and neural networks to increase helicopter combat effectiveness. After 30 successful years of working for the Army, Jeff retired and for a short time worked with CAS, Inc. before enjoying full retirement. He was also a longtime member of the American Helicopter Society.

Jeff was a great father. He is survived by four children, Jefferson T. MacDonald and wife, Loretta, Buck C. MacDonald and wife, Linda, Anne M. Mayo and husband, Andrew, and Sara V. MacDonald. Jeff has five wonderful grandchildren, Connor C. MacDonald, Daniel G. MacDonald, Samantha MacDonald, Alexander W. Hall and Amory E. Mayo, who will dearly miss their grandfather.

Jeff is also survived by his loving sister, Martha V. Simpson, and her husband, Bill, along with two nephews, Jeff and John Simpson, all of Atlanta Ga.

Jeff's booming voice, warm smile, gentle spirit and kind heart will be greatly missed by all who loved him.

The family would like to thank Dr. Mark Ellis and Riverside Hospice nurses and staff for their professional and compassionate care.

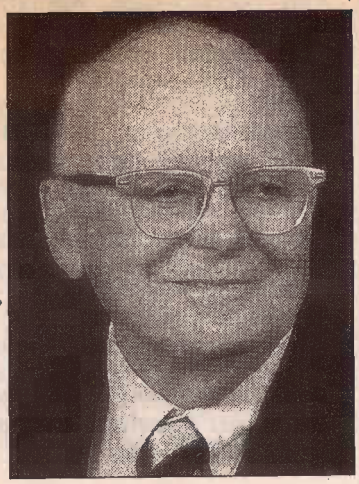
In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 895 Middleground Blvd, Newport News, VA 23606 or the Hospice House of Williamsburg, 445 Powhatan Pkwy. Williamsburg VA 23188.

A visitation will be held on Sunday, Feb 22, at W. J. Smith & Son Funeral Home from 2 to 3:30 p.m. A private burial will take place in Tennille, Ga.

THOMAS BENTLEY

HAMPTON - Thomas Bentley, a retiree of NASA, died March 4, 2004, in Sentara CarePlex Hospital. Arrangements by Cooke Bros. Funeral Chapel.

JAMES A. MALONEY



HAMPTON - James A. Maloney, 83, known by many as Dave, left this world on Thursday, March 4, 2004. He was born in Charlotte County, Va., to Robert H. and Georgia F. Maloney on Jan. 23, 1921. Dave lived and worked in Hampton since 1942 until a recent move to Newport News. He was preceded in death some 17 years ago by his wife, Rose Marie Maloney, his devoted friend and soul mate. He was also preceded in death by his brother, F. Guthrie Maloney.

Dave is survived by three children and their spouses, Nancy M. and R. Stephen Ferguson of Concord, N.C., David M. and Eleanor P. Maloney of Charlottesville, Va., and Robert P. and Tami L. Maloney of Poquoson, Va. He was blessed with six grandchildren who loved their Papa: Kathleen and Margaret Ferguson, Sarah and Emily Maloney, and Mitchell and Lane Maloney.

In addition he is survived by a brother, two sisters, and their spouses: John and Marion Maloney of Roanoke, Va., Christine and Bob Davidson of Mooresville, N.C., and Anne and Russell Cox of Mechanicsville, Va. Dave is also survived by Jean Maloney, a sister-in-law of Odenton, Md.

Dave was a man who treasured his family and showed his love for them in a quiet and thoughtful way. All in his family knew they could always count on his wise counsel and unobtrusive advice. He also loved his church family, First Presbyterian Church of Hampton, where he served as an Elder and a Deacon. He was raised as a committed Presbyterian and continued his unwavering walk of faith his entire life.

Following his graduation from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1942, he began his work as an electrical engineer at the Langley Research Center. His career at NACA/NASA spanned over 40 years.

His life will be celebrated at a service of worship at First Presbyterian Church of Hampton at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 6, with the Rev. Dr. George L. Oehler and Rev. Dr. Michael T. Condrey officiating. Burial will follow at Parklawn Memorial Park at 2:30 on Saturday, March 6. His family will receive friends on Friday, March 5, from 6 to 7:30 at Parklawn-Wood Funeral Home. Friends may visit www.mem.com to share words of comfort with the family.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his name may be made to First Presbyterian Church of Hampton Memorial Fund, 514 S. Armistead Avenue, Hampton, VA 23669.

Arrangements are under the care of Parklawn-Wood Funeral Home, 2551 N. Armistead Avenue in Hampton.

FRANCES E. THOMPSON

HAMPTON - Frances E. Thompson went to be with the Lord on March 6, 2004.

Born on December 27, 1928, she was the daughter of the late Frank E. and Doris O. Eggleston.

She is survived by two daughters, Cynthia Elrod and her husband, Rick, of Hampton, and Pamela Olson and her husband, Michael, also of Hampton; one sister, Dorothy Neff of Delaware; grandchildren Danny, Casey and Michael; and one great-grandson, Daniel.

A resident of Hampton for over fifty years, Frances was an active member of Westhampton Baptist Church. She was a loving mother, grandmother and loyal friend to all.

Frances retired from NASA after thirty-seven years of service and then joined the Daily Press family and began a second career. Frances was awarded the President's award during her time with the Daily Press for her excellence in service. She retired from the Daily Press, only to return back to work soon after where she remained a faithful and highly regarded employee until her death. Frances was an important part of the Daily Press and is remembered by her employees as being the essence of hard work, always giving and contributing on a daily basis. Her manager, David Messick, says, "Frances was the epitome of Old Hampton. She was grace, she was gracious and she was giving. Her contributions, both personally and professionally cannot be put into words. We have lost a sales pacesetter and a friend. Frances will be missed."

Family will receive friends on Monday, March 8, between 6:30 and 8 p.m. at Parklawn-Wood Funeral Home. A funeral service will be at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9, at Parklawn-Wood Funeral Home Chapel with burial to follow in Parklawn Memorial Park.

FRANCES EGGLESTON THOMPSON

HAMPTON - Frances Eggleston Thompson, 75, a retired NASA employee and a current employee of the Daily Press, died Saturday, March 6, 2004. The family will receive friends from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday at Parklawn-Wood Funeral Home, Hampton.

THOMAS BENTLEY

HAMPTON - Thomas Bentley, age 73, passed on Thursday, March 4, 2004.

Mr. Bentley, a native of Newport News, graduated from Huntington High School. He later served in the United States Army and retired from NASA Langley.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mattie Bell and Daniel Bell.

He is survived by his wife, Annie Mae Bentley; two sons, Arnold Bentley and Mario Byrd; one daughter, Veronica Byrd; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild; his dear friend, Catherine Byrd; as well as other loving friends and family that will greatly miss him.

Viewing will be held from 1 to 7 p.m. today at Cooke Bros. Funeral Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, at the funeral chapel with Pastor James L. Byrd officiating. Interment will follow in Hampton Memorial Gardens.

In Memoriam

Jack Bruce

Jack Bruce died on Feb. 9 at the age of 85. He worked as an engineer at Norfolk Naval Shipyard and NACA before founding Bruce Construction Co. in 1965.

Robert E. Fulton

Robert E. Fulton died on Feb. 24 at the age of 73. Fulton worked at Langley Research Center before accepting a position as a professor of mechanical engineering at Georgia Tech. He also served as a county commissioner in Fulton County, Ga.. for 10 years.

Herman I. MacDonald Jr.

Herman I. "Jeff" MacDonald Jr. died on Feb. 19 at the age of 68. MacDonald worked at Langley Research Center from 1958 to 1995, first for Lockheed Martin and then for the U.S. Army. He received the Laboratories Technical Excellence Award for his work on the AH-56A Cheyenne helicopter. In later years, he was involved in developing models and simulations using artificial intelligence and neural networks to increase helicopter combat effectiveness. He was a longtime member of the American Helicopter Society.

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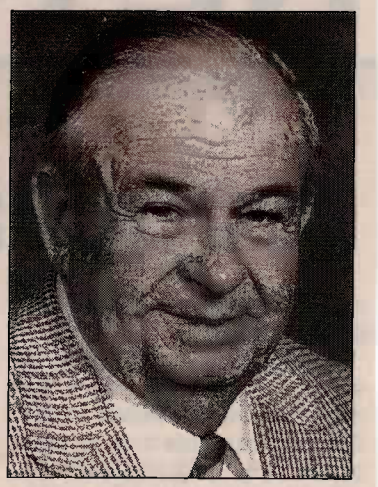

NEWPORT NEWS - James Preston Price Sr., 79, passed away Monday, March 15, 2004, at his home.

Born in Hampton, James had been a lifelong area resident. He owned and operated Price Electric until 1980 and then was employed as an Electrical Inspector at NASA retiring in 1989 after many years of dedicated civil service. He was a member of Liberty Baptist Church.

James was an avid golfer and bowler. He was a member of the Hampton Roads Bowling Association and the Elks Lodge. He was named "Man of the Year" for the Hampton Roads Bowling Hall of Fame in 1969 and 1971.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hattie and Mark Price.

Survivors include his daughter, Brenda Price Turner, and her husband, Larry, of Seaford; Denise Price Francum of Yorktown; sons, James Preston Price Jr. of Suffolk and David Gordon Price and his wife, Tara McDevitt Price of Newport News; grandchildren, Demi Price, Cole Francum, Peyton Francum, Jason Turner, Gregory Turner and Michael Turner; great-grandchildren, Garrett Turner, Olivia Turner and Ella Turner; sister, Jane Turner of Newport News and brother, John Price and his wife, Sally, of Newport News.

A service to celebrate James' life will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 18, 2004, at Menchville Baptist Church with the Rev. James C. Weston Jr. officiating. Burial will follow at Peninsula Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Parklawn-Wood Funeral Home. Friends are encouraged to visit www.mem.com to share words of comfort with the family.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to the Peninsula Agency of Aging, Inc., 739 Thimble Shoals Blvd., Suite 1006, Newport News, VA 23606.

Arrangements are under the care of Parklawn-Wood Funeral Home, 2551 N. Armistead Ave., Hampton.

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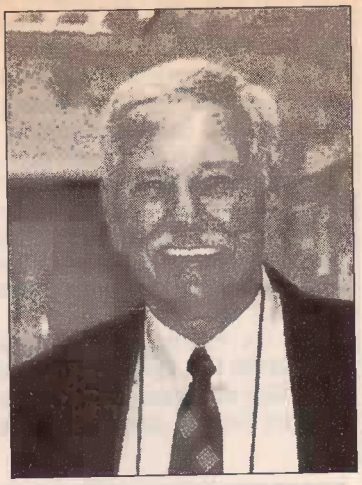


HAMPTON - Larry N. Ingels, Sr., 68, was given eternal peace by God on Sunday, March 14, 2004. Larry was born in Phoebus and a 1954 graduate of Hampton High School.

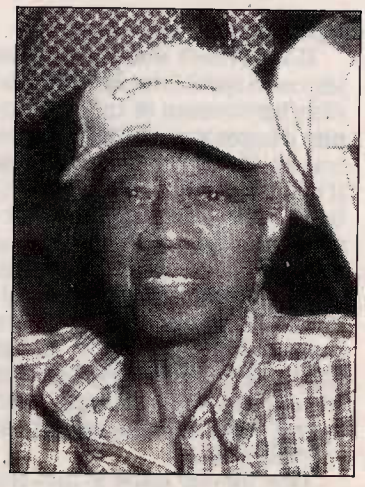
Larry began his professional career with NASA, Langley in 1954, following in the footsteps of his father. From 1959 to 1974, Larry served the State of Virginia at the NIKE AJAX and HERCULES missile sites, working in direct conjunction with missile readiness. In 1956, Larry joined the Army National Guard, retiring in 1995 after 39 years of service as a Chief Warrant Officer 3 with the Department of Army. Larry began his Civil Service career in 1974 with Norfolk Naval Shipyard. He retired as a Production Superintendent in 1991. Larry went into true retirement in 1997, after serving six years as a managing consultant with PricewaterhouseCoopers. Larry also pursued varying degrees of higher education, to include completion of extensive course work at the Darden School of Business at the University of Virginia.

As a lifelong resident of Hampton, Larry gave much of his time to the community as a board member and commissioner of football for the Phillips Athletic Association. He served as a coach for Phillips football, basketball and baseball teams over the years. An athlete himself, Larry played on several of the local fast-pitch softball teams as a regionally renowned pitcher. In his early years Larry served with the Phoebus Volunteer Fire Department. He was also a member of Moose Lodge 1119. Larry was also an avid golfer and lifelong sport fisherman, but his true passion was his devotion to his wife and family.

Larry is survived by his loving wife of 23 years, Sarah R. Ingels, whom he passionately loved and was eternally devoted. Also surviving are his three children, Terry L. Ingels of Fort Lauderdale, FL, Wendy I. Spencer of Hampton, Larry N. Ingels, Jr. of Newport News; two step-children, Traci L. Turner of Atlanta, GA and James L. Wheelis, III of Miami, FL; two sisters and their husbands, Betty Jo and Gene Bailey of Smithfield and Rosemary and Edward Seidl of Gloucester and seven grandchildren, Lucas N. Spencer, S. Danielle Spencer, Jeremy M. Spencer, Jessica N. Ingels, Tara M. Ingels, Brittany A. Ingels and Madison E. Wheelis. He was preceded in death by his father, Claude F. Ingels, and his mother Mildred V. and stepfather, Charles F. Hensley.

A memorial service will be conducted at 3:00 pm Wednesday, March 17 in R. Hayden Smith Funeral Home chapel with Pastor David R. Highlander officiating. The family will receive friends from 6 until 8 pm Tuesday, March 16 at the funeral home. There will be a private interment at a later date.

THOMAS BENTLEY



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James A. Maloney

James A. Maloney died on March 4 at the age of 83. Maloney, a native of Charlotte County, worked as an electrical engineer at Langley Research Center for more than 40 years.

James P. Price Sr.

James Preston Price Sr. died on March 15 at the age of 79. Price, a native of Hampton, owned and operated Price Electric until 1980 and went on to work as an electrical inspector at Langley Research Center. He retired in 1989.

Frances E. Thompson

Frances E. Thompson died on March 6 at the age of 75. Thompson retired from NASA after 37 years of service and went on to work for the Daily Press.

Billy T. Upchurch

Billy T. Upchurch died on Dec. 27, 2003. Upchurch worked at Langley Research Center from 1988 to 1995, earning eight patents for his work on low-temperature carbon monoxide oxidation catalysis. He was Langley's nominee for NASA's Inventor of the Year Award in 1992 and was the team leader of Langley's nominee for the Invention of the Year Award in 1995. He received the Technology Transfer Excellence Award from the Federal Laboratory Consortium in 1996 and the first Paul F. Holloway Non-Aerospace Technology Transfer Award in 1997.

In Memoriam

Alfred Gray Beswick

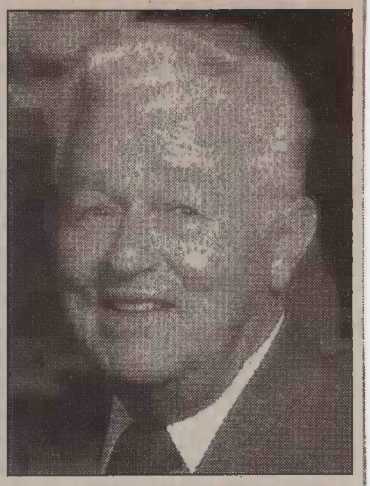
Alfred Gray Beswick died on Feb. 27 at the age of 78 after a lengthy battle with cancer. Beswick retired from Langley Research Center's Environmental Sensors Branch in 1991 after 35 years of service.

"Anyone that worked on the HALOE project remembers Al not only for his dedication to excellence in the development and testing of HALOE optics and gas cells, but his kindness in dealing with people and his love for NASA," said Earl Thompson, a G&A Technical Software employee on contract to Langley's Chemistry and Dynamics Branch. "HALOE continues to operate flawlessly 12 years after launch, a testament to his contribution. He will truly be missed."

William T. Watkins Jr.,

William T. "Bill" Watkins Jr. died on March 29 at the age of 82. Watkins, a native of Poquoson, served in the U.S. Army and was a veteran of D-Day. He earned the Good Conduct Medal, the Distinguished Unit Badge, the European/African/Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon and the WWII Victory Ribbon. Watkins went on to work as a building inspector at Langley Research Center, retiring in 1971. He also served on Poquoson City Council for 12 years and was a charter member of Holloway-Moore American Legion Post 273.

WILLIAM T. 'BILL' WATKINS JR.



POQUOSON - William T. "Bill" Watkins Jr., 82, a native and lifelong resident of Poquoson, passed away Monday, March 29, 2004.

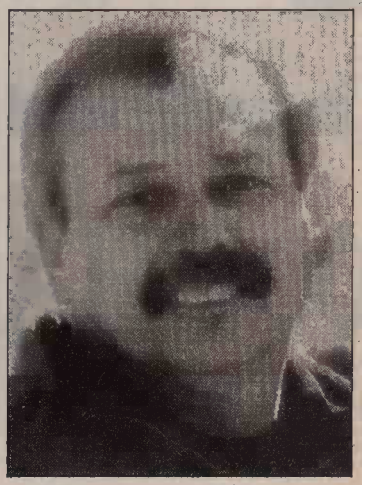
Mr. Watkins was a WWII Army veteran, and went ashore on Omaha Beach on D-Day; earned the Good Conduct Medal, Distinguished Unit Badge, the European/African/Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon, and the WWII Victory Ribbon. He was a charter member of Holloway-Moore American Legion Post 273, Poquoson; a member of Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge Post 176; and a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Unit 176. He retired from NASA in 1971 as a building inspector; served on Poquoson City Council for 12 years; and was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

Mr. Watkins is survived by his wife, Dorothy Miller "Dot" Watkins; one daughter, Karen Evans and husband, Robert; two sons, Ron Watkins and wife, Phyllis, and Don Watkins and wife, Kirsten; two brothers, Durwood Watkins and wife, Margaret Lee, and Melvin Lee Watkins and wife, Nancy; 10 grandchildren, Roane Evans and wife, Carol, Darlene Berryman and husband, Mark, Monica Evans, Matthew Watkins, Valerie Watkins, Maureen Watkins, Diana Watkins, Michelle Watkins, Briggs Watkins and Wesley Watkins; and six great-grandchildren, Kaitlin Evans, Ellee Evans, Evan Berryman, Jeff Berryman, Meryssa Evans and Maddax Evans.

The family will receive friends 7 to 8:30 p.m. tonight at Claytor Rollins Funeral Home and other times at the home, 104 Darden Drive. A funeral service will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, April 1, at Trinity United Methodist Church by the Rev. James D. Thomas. Burial will follow at Weston Cemetery, Poquoson, with military honors.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Trinity United Methodist Church, the Poquoson Fire & Rescue Squad or to the Messick Cemetery Association.

ROBERT L. FOX



GLOUCESTER - Robert L. Fox, 52, passed away on Sunday, April 4, 2004, surrounded by his family and friends following a courageous battle with cancer.

Mr. Fox was native of York County before moving to Gloucester in 1977. He was an Electronic Technician and retired from NASA in March 2004 after 33 years service. He was a member of Union Baptist Church, Gloucester.

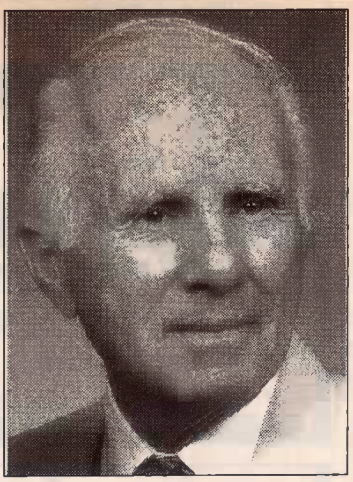
He was an avid fisherman, hunter and golfer, and enjoyed playing softball and basketball at NASA activities association league.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Carrie Fox, and is survived by his daughter, Melanie Fox and her fiancé, Daniel Chattin, both of Newport News, Va.; a son, Christopher Fox of Yorktown, Va.; a sister, Connie Melzer and her husband, John, of Hampton, Va.; a niece, Wendy, and a nephew, J.W.

A funeral service will be held at noon on Thursday, April 8, in Union Baptist Church by the Rev. J.D. Moore. Burial will follow in Parklawn Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, April 7, in Amory Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society Relay for Life Team.

WILLIAM CHRISTIAN HOLLOWAY



HAMPTON - William "Chink" Christian Holloway, 85, died Wednesday, April 7, 2004, after a short battle with cancer. Born in Poquoson, he has been a lifelong resident of the Fox Hill area of Hampton.

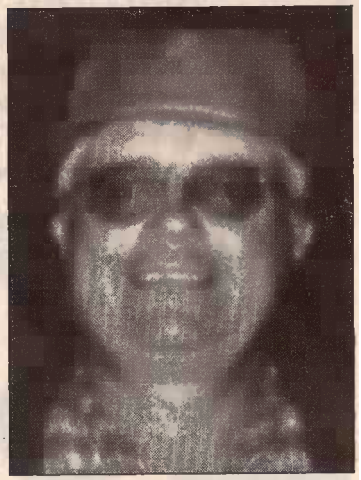
Chink retired in 1976 as a Supervisor at NASA after 27 years. He was a member of Wallace Memorial United Methodist Church, the Men's Bible Class, Monitor Lodge No. 197 AF and AM where he was a Past Master, Khedieve Temple Peninsula Shrine, a life member and past president of Fox Hill Volunteer Fire Company, past president of the Fox Hill Senior Citizens and member and past president of the Peninsula Good Sam's Camping Club.

He is survived by his wife, Molly Ann Copeland Holloway; sons, Reginald M. Holloway of Hampton and William C. Holloway Jr. of Norfolk; sister, Florence Freeman of Hampton; grandchildren, Edward Christian Holloway, Daniel Manning Holloway; and great-grandchildren Grace Holloway, Kate Holloway, Roberto Eylat, and Anthony Mathis.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Friday at R. Hayden Smith Funeral Home in downtown Hampton. A funeral service will be conducted 11 a.m. Saturday in the funeral home chapel by the Rev. Norman G. Tippens. Interment will follow in Clark Cemetery.

The family wishes any memorial contributions to be made to Wallace Memorial United Methodist Church, 6 Johnson Rd., Hampton, VA 23664 or the Clark Cemetery Fund, c/o Mary Roaseau, 6 Riding Path, 23669.

DAVID ROUTTEN MASON



HAMPTON - David Routten Mason, Jr., 59, went to be with his Lord Saturday, April 10, 2004.

A lifelong resident of Hampton, David retired from NASA after 30 years of service, was a volunteer with the Fox Hill Fire Department and a member of Fox Hill Central United Methodist Church.

David was preceded in death by his wife, Jewel Winn Mason; grandson, Joshua S. Sechrist and his father, David R. Mason, Sr.

A beloved husband, father, grandfather, son, brother and friend, David leaves to cherish his memories forever, his daughter, Carla Rene Sechrist and her husband Curtis; mother, Ada S. Mason, mother-in-law, Jewel Mae Winn; sisters, Taffy O'Neill, Julie Chambers; sisters-in-law, Sabrina Burbank and Joan Beatty; brothers, Terry Mason, Jack Mason and Phillip Mason, brothers-in-law, Larry Winn and Lavern Winn; grandsons, Caleb and Jacob Sechrist; and many nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends Monday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Parklawn-Wood Funeral Home, Hampton. A service to celebrate David's life will be conducted 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, 2004, at Fox Hill Central United Methodist Church by the Rev. Robert W. Sharp. Burial will follow in Clark Cemetery. Friends are encouraged to visit www.mem.com to share expressions of sympathy.

DOROTHY R. CARLSON

NEWPORT NEWS - Dorothy Roberts Carlson, 79, died Sunday, April 18, 2004.

She was born Feb. 28, 1925, in Arkansas, daughter of John Homer and Mexine Robinson Roberts. The family moved to Hampton, Va., in 1930, where she graduated from Hampton High School in June 1942 and immediately took a wartime job at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., as a stenographer. She returned home in November 1943 to work at the Langley Field Liaison Office. She met her future husband, Harry William Carlson of Philadelphia, Pa., in October 1944. Upon the return of Mr. Carlson from military duty in the Pacific, they married in Los Angeles, Calif., on Aug. 21, 1945. After residing in Philadelphia and Blacksburg, Va., they returned to Hampton where Dorothy worked as a secretary at NACA (later NASA) for the 7 x 10 wind tunnel office.

She and her husband later moved to Newport News, Va., where she was a charter member of Hidenwood Presbyterian Church. She was also actively involved in the Peninsula Garden Club, Home Demonstration Club, Riverside PTA, and Girl Scouts. A lifelong wildlife lover, she served as a volunteer with the Newport News City Park assisting with maintenance of the bluebird trail. She also was an active member of the Hampton Roads Bird Club. An excellent seamstress, she shared her talent in creating garments for her family and friends. She also enjoyed gardening, golf, painting, knitting, and other arts and crafts. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother, and will be missed by all who knew her loving presence.

Mrs. Carlson is survived by her husband, Harry William Carlson of Newport News; two daughters, Deborah Lynn Carlson and husband, Don, of Graham, N.C., and Cathleen Carlson Reynolds and husband, Wayne, of Marion, Va.; brother, John Wayne Roberts and wife, Sherrill, and nephew, Barry Roberts of Hampton; and five grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, at Weymouth Funeral Home. A funeral service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, at Hidenwood Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Dr. Augusta "Miki" Vanderbilt. Interment will follow in Peninsula Memorial Park.

Weymouth Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

MARY 'PATTY' TURGEON

HAMPTON - Mary "Patty" Turgeon, 74, died Friday, April 23, 2004, at her home in Hampton.

A native of Portland, Maine, she was a longtime Hampton resident and she retired from NASA in 1992 as a Procurement Technician.

Preceded in death by her husband, Wilfred O. Turgeon; parents, Sebastian and Ethel Fagone; brother, Frank Fagone; and her nephew, Ricky Babbitt, Patty is survived by her loving sons, Mark S. "Spud" Turgeon and Wilfred "Billy" Turgeon and his wife, Cheryl; sister, Mickey Babbitt; nieces, Patty Prescott, Anita Johnson and Jane Babbitt; nephews, Michael Babbitt, Robert Babbitt and William Babbitt; as well as many other loving relatives and dear friends.

The family has asked that memorial contributions be made to either the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Association in Patty's name.

Cremation arrangements are under the care of Parklawn-Wood Funeral Home, 2551 N. Armistead Ave., Hampton.

MARJORIE J. MIKULA

WILLIAMSBURG - Marjorie J. (Margie) Mikula, mother, wife, sister, grandmother, friend and neighbor, passed away on Monday, April 19, 2004, at the age of 64, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Born on August 26, 1939, in Carrolltown, Pa., she was the daughter of the late Charles and Margaret Feigh. In 1958 she married her childhood sweetheart, Charles (Mick) Mikula, and recently celebrated 46 years of marriage. She retired from the NASA Langley Research Center in 1995. She was a graduate of Christopher Newport University. She was a devout member of St. Bede's Catholic Church in Williamsburg, Va.

Margie loved gardening and lived a full and happy life creating a beautiful landscape at home and exquisite arrangements for the Green Spring Garden Club. Margie loved holidays and made them special for her family, but Christmas, as her favorite holiday, will forever be remembered for her enchantingly decorated home and the love she shared. She was an inspiration on how to live. Not only was Marge a loving wife and sister, a caring mother, a thoughtful friend, a gifted gardener and one with endless smiles and cheer, she also had a special way of making any house, any apartment, or any living space a REAL home. A true friend to her children, Margie left a legacy generations deep. She will be deeply missed.

She leaves to cherish her precious memory her husband, Charles (Mick) Mikula of Williamsburg, Va.; a son, Charles Conan (Mick) Mikula and wife, Cheryl, of Dover, Del.; daughter, Victoria Suzanne (Sue) Haas and husband, John, of Charlottesville, Va.; daughter, Mary Elizabeth (Lisa) Crowder and husband, Tim, of Williamsburg, Va.; and son, Christopher Mark (Chris) Mikula and wife, Teddi, of Arlington, Va.; five grandchildren, Mickey, Bryan, TJ, Mathew, and Megan; brothers, Reverend Father Conan Feigh OSB of Latrobe, Pa., and Tom Feigh and wife, Lois, of St. Marys, Pa.; sisters, Cecelia Knapp and husband, Gene, of Dover, Del., and Suzanne Cronan and husband, Otto, of Carrolltown, Pa.; numerous nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 21, at the Bucktrout Funeral Home in Williamsburg, Va. Her brother, Reverend Father Conan Feigh OSB, will conduct the funeral service at 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 22, at St. Bede's Catholic Church in Williamsburg, Va. Internment will be held at St. Benedicts Church in Carrolltown, Pa., on Saturday, April 24.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests donations be sent to the Marjorie Mikula Perpetual Book Fund, c/o the Williamsburg Regional Library, 7770 Croaker Road, Williamsburg, VA 23188. Bucktrout of Williamsburg is in charge of the arrangements.

In Memoriam

Theodore H. Elder

Theodore H. Elder died on April 6. Elder, a native of Homer, N.Y., retired from NASA after 35 years of service.

Robert L. Fox

Robert L. Fox died on April 4 at the age of 52. Fox, a native of York County, worked as an electronic technician at Langley Research Center's Technology Development and Integration Branch. He retired in March after 33 years of service.

"Bob was noted for his relentless dedication to his job, but of equal importance for his loyalty to his family, friends and co-workers," said S. Stewart Harris Jr. of Langley's Systems Engineering Competency. "The high standards that he set for himself served as an example to all who worked with him. He will be greatly missed by his friends and colleagues."

Willliam C. Holloway

Willliam "Chink" Christian Holloway died on April 7 at the age of 85. Holloway, a native of Poquoson, retired from NASA in 1976 after 27 years of service.

David R. Mason Jr.

David Routten Mason Jr. died on April 10 at the age of 59. Mason, a native of Hampton, retired from NASA after 30 years of service.

WEIMER J. TUOVILA

YORKTOWN - Weimer "Presto" Tuovila died Friday, April 30, 2004, at home.

He was born in Overtorneo, Sweden, Sept. 1, 1919. He served in the Air Force in the Pacific 1943-1946. After receiving his masters degree from the University of Michigan, he was an Aeronautical Engineer at NASA, Langley Field.

Presto Tuovila is survived by his wife of 55 years, Mirjam "Mit"; three children, Bruce and wife, Kathy, of Tallahassee, Eric and wife, Susan, of Panama City, and Sonja of Mathews. He is also survived by his aunt, Astrid Björkén of Sweden; three grandchildren and cousins.

A graveside service will be conducted by the Rev. Carlton Bakkum at 1 p.m. on Monday, May 3, at Grace Episcopal Church, Yorktown. The family will receive friends at home following the interment.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

The Cremation Society of Virginia, Peninsula Office, is serving the family.

RAY E. GOODMAN

HAMPTON - Ray E. Goodman, 88, passed away Thursday, April 29, 2004, at Sentara Careplex. Born in Cabarrus Co., N.C., Ray had been an area resident since 1929. He was a graduate of Newport News High School and the Apprentice School. After graduation he served his country proudly in the U.S. Navy from 1941 to 1945. Ray retired in 1976 as a Quality Control Inspector from N.A.S.A. after 35 years of dedicated civil service. He was a faithful member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Newport News.

Ray was a professional baseball scout where he worked for a number of teams including the Pittsburgh Pirates, St. Louis Cardinals and the New York Yankees. He was a member and past president of the Professional Baseball Representatives, the Peninsula Sports Club, the Apprentice Alumni Association, V.F.W., St. Tammany's Lodge #5 A.F. & A.M., Past Commander of American Legion Post 31. He also enjoyed his membership for more than 50 years with the Langley Golf Association.

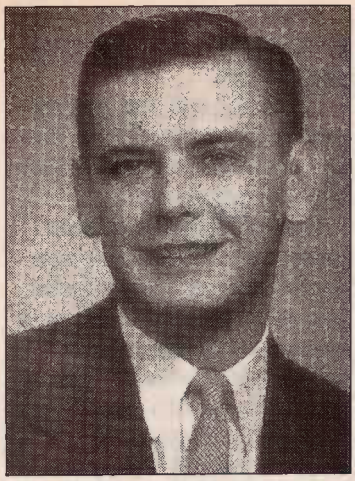
He leaves to cherish his memories his loving wife of 55 years, Sybil F. Goodman, two sons, Ray Bradford Goodman of York County and Dale F. Goodman and his wife, Beverly of Poquoson; three grandchildren, Madeline, Galen and Cameron and his niece, Shirley Whittington of Hampton.

A service to celebrate Ray's life will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday at Trinity Lutheran Church with the Rev. Thomas L. Bosserman and the Rev. Jeffrey R. Sonafelt officiating. Burial will follow at Parklawn Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday at Parklawn-Wood Funeral Home. Friends are encouraged to visit www.mem.com to share tributes or words of comfort with the family.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to the Trinity Lutheran Church Organ Fund, 6807 Huntington Ave., Newport News, VA 23607 or the American Diabetes Assoc., 6340 Center Drive, Bldg. 7, Suite 129, Norfolk, VA 23502.

Arrangements are under the care of Parklawn-Wood Funeral Home, 2551 North Armistead Avenue in Hampton.

HARRY HAMILTON HEYSON II



HAMPTON - Harry Hamilton Heyson II, 78, died peacefully on Sunday, May 9, 2004, after several years of declining health. Harry was born Nov. 7, 1925, in Far Rockaway, Long Island, N.Y., the son of Harry Hamilton Heyson and Frances Hommel Heyson.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn Byrd Heyson; a daughter, Laura Ann Heyson; sons, Harry H. Heyson III, Andrew and wife, Phyllisanne, and her three daughters, Tabby, Tara and Airy, all of Hampton; brothers, George H. Heyson and wife, Arlene, of Neptune, N.J., and Allen E. Heyson and wife, Joan, of Cincinnati, Ohio; and nephews, David and George Heyson, and niece, Karen Heyson.

After serving in the U.S. Army Air Force in World War II, he became a Cum Laude graduate in Aeronautical Engineering from the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, N.Y., and later received a Masters Degree at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

He was employed at NASA/NACA from 1949 to 1986, during which time he was a senior research engineer and manager in a number of vital fields. He made major contributions in defining rotary-wing flow fields, on momentum theory for V/STOL aircraft, and on wind-tunnel wall effects. He was also the director of a small radiation laboratory, and he later became a division chief at NASA. He was a very prolific writer and published numerous research documents in his fields of interest.

He received awards for his contributions to the Pegasus Program and Apollo Program; he held a patent on his design work on variable-geometry wind tunnels. For a number of years, he taught short summer courses at many universities such as VPI, Princeton, Penn State, Georgia Tech, Texas A & M, and the University of Washington.

After retirement from NASA he was associated with Eagle Engineering of Hampton for several years. He became an editor for the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics for many years and had a very effective influence on guiding new research being done worldwide in his fields of expertise. Until shortly before his death, he still occasionally served as a consultant on rotary aircraft and related fields.

He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hampton, the American Helicopter Society, the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, and the American Geophysical Union.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 13, at Parklawn-Wood Funeral Home, 2551 N. Armistead Ave., Hampton.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Parklawn Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hampton Division of Fire and Rescue, 1300 Thomas St., Hampton, VA 23669. Friends are encouraged to visit www.mem.com to share words of comfort with the family.

Arrangements are under the care of Parklawn-Wood Funeral Home, Hampton.

JOSEPH STANLEY STODGHILL

GLOUCESTER - Joseph Stanley Stodghill, 87, passed away on Saturday, May 22, 2004.

He was born on May 29, 1916, in Aurora, Ind., and retired from NASA Langley after 26 years of service. He was a member of Yorktown Baptist Church, Zebulon Masonic Lodge #273, F. & A.M. in Prestonsburg, Ky., and a former member of Yorktown American Legion #165. During WWII, Mr. Stodghill served in the U.S. Navy as a Chief Yeoman.

He is survived by his son, Joseph S. Stodghill II and his wife, Rebecca, of Gloucester, and his granddaughters, Brandy Louise Showalter and Myra Kay Mata.

A graveside service will be held at 12 p.m. on Tuesday, May 25, in Parklawn Memorial Park in Hampton, Va.

Memorial donations may be made to Yorktown Baptist Church, Yorktown, Va.

Funeral arrangements are by Andrews Funeral Home, Gloucester, Va.

RALPH L. WINGROVE SR.

HAYES - Ralph L. Wingrove Sr., age 81, died May 23, 2004.

Mr. Wingrove served in the Air Force, formerly known as the Army Air Corps, as a pilot of the B-24 Bomber and flew numerous combat missions during World War II. He retired from NASA after 30 years of service.

Ralph was a member of Chestnut Memorial United Methodist Church, Newport News.

His wife, Jane T. Wingrove, preceded him in death.

Survivors include two daughters, Beth W. Orga and husband, Randy, and Ellen W. Kausland and husband, Arne; one son, R. Lester Wingrove Jr. and wife, Yvonne; one sister, Virginia Stabley; three brothers, Earl Wingrove, Paul Wingrove and Arnold Wingrove; four grandchildren, Michael W. Wingrove, Emily M. Wingrove, Lauren E. Orga and Davis A. Kausland.

Graveside funeral services, conducted by the Rev. Dr. Dennis C. Lipke, will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday at Gloucester Point Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday at Hogg Funeral Home, Gloucester Point.

In his memory, memorial contributions may be made to: Abingdon Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad, Box 9, Bena, VA 23018.

In Memoriam

Ray E. Goodman

Ray E. Goodman died on April 29 at the age of 88. Goodman, a native of Cabarrus County, N.C., served in the U.S. Navy from 1941 to 1945. He went on to work at NASA, retiring as a quality control inspector in 1976.

Harry H. Heyson II

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He was a member of the American Helicopter Society, the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and the American Geophysical Union.

In Memoriam

Louis M. Cannon

Louis Mann Cannon died on May 19 at the age of 78. Cannon, a native of Newberry, S.C., worked as a carpenter for Klate Holt Construction Co. on contract to NASA for more than 20 years.

Horace W. Jones

Horace W. Jones died on May 23 at the age of 81. Jones, a native of Richmond, served in the U.S. Navy and was a veteran of World War II. He went on to graduate from the Newport News Shipyard Apprentice School and worked as a machinist at NASA until his retirement.

Joseph S. Stodghill

Joseph Stanley Stodghill died on May 22 at the age of 87. Stodghill, a native of Aurora, Ind., served in the U.S. Navy and was a veteran of World War II. He went on to work for NASA, retiring from Langley Research Center after 26 years of service.

Ralph L. Wingrove Sr.

Ralph L. Wingrove Sr. died on May 23 at the age of 81. Wingrove served in the U.S. Army Air Corps and flew numerous combat missions as a B-24 pilot during World War II. He went on to work for NASA, retiring from Langley Research Center after 30 years of service.

Weimer Tuovila

Weimer "Presto" Tuovila died on April 30 at the age of 84. Tuovila, a native of Overtorneo, Sweden, served in the U.S. Air Force and was a veteran of World War II. He went on to work was an aeronautical engineer for NACA and NASA.

WILLIAM ROBERT MOTLEY II

GLOUCESTER POINT - William Robert Motley II, age 57, died Friday, May 28, 2004, as the result of a sailing accident in the York River.

Bob was a graduate of VPI and retired as an electricial engineer at NASA. He loved nature, the great outdoors and was an avid sailor, participating in the weekly Wednesday York River Yacht Club races.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Frances Powers Motley.

He is survived by his father, William Robert Motley; sister, Debra Motley Griggs and husband, John Meade; niece, Paula Griggs; two nephews, Justin Griggs and Daniel Griggs.

Inurnment will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Rosewell Memorial Garden Cemetery.

In Bob's memory, memorial contributions may be made to the Gloucester-Mathews Humane Society, P.O. Box 385, Gloucester, VA 23061.

Arrangements by Hogg Funeral Home & Crematory, Gloucester Point.

JAMES CLINTON BARNES JR.

SUFFOLK - James Clinton Barnes Jr. entered into eternal life Wednesday, June 2, 2004, at the age of 55. Born April 18, 1949 in Manila, Philippines, he was the son of James C. Barnes Sr. and Magdelena I. Barnes.

Mr. Barnes, a native of Suffolk, was known as J.B. to his dearest friends and family. He was educated in the Suffolk Public School System. He earned his undergraduate and master degrees in physics from Howard University in Washington, D.C. He also completed Ph.D. coursework in physics at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va.

Mr. Barnes joined NASA in 1983 and remained a loyal and committed employee until his unexpected death. His career with NASA spanned many years in the field of Physics and Engineering. He was once the Head of the Laser Systems Branch and a Program Executive for the Global Tropospheric Wind Programs. Most recently, he served as Assistant Director for Special Technology Projects. Throughout his career, he received numerous achievement awards for his outstanding contributions to various projects, including the NASA Medal for Exceptional Engineering Achievement and the H.J. Reid Award for Most Outstanding Technical paper. He was the lead laser engineer for the first Lidar Laser flown in space and developed the first turntable laser to fly on NASA's Earth Resource, ER-2 high altitude aircraft. He served on the Undersecretary of Defense's Advisory Group and with the Optical Society of America's Advanced Solid-state Laser Committee Studies.

Mr. Barnes attended St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church in Hampton and was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Suffolk. He was a member of several professional and community organizations throughout his life, including steering panels for numerous Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) and participated as a reviewer for National Science Foundation HBCU programs. He was a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

He was preceded in death by his father, James C. Barnes Sr.

Left to cherish his loving memory are his devoted mother, Magdelena Barnes of Suffolk; his four daughters-Dawn Barnes-Tyson (husband, Shaun) of Hampton, Che' Barnes, Lisa Barnes, and Brittany Barnes of Newport News; two brothers, Ray Barnes of Texas and Carlito Barnes of Suffolk; five sisters, Patricia Edwards (husband, Jerald) and Vonnie Barnes of Norfolk, Margaret Barnes and Rosa Bowe (husband, Kenneth) of Suffolk and Theresa Barnes of Texas. He is also survived by his wife, Sandra Renee Tabron Barnes; grandchildren, Donovan Tyson and Leah Tyson; and a host of other family members and friends.

A celebration of his homegoing will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, June 7, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 213 N. Main Street, Suffolk. Interment will follow at Holly Lawn Cemetery in Suffolk. The family will receive friends at Crocker Funeral Home, 900 East Washington St., Suffolk (539-7443) on Sunday, June 6, between the hours of 2:30 and 4:30 p.m. At all other times, the family will be at the home of James' mother, 306 Ben Street, Suffolk, and will assemble there for the funeral procession to the church.

Memorial donations may be offered to Saint Mark's Outreach Program for Homeless and Less Advantaged, P.O. Box 1582, Suffolk, VA 23439.

In Memoriam

James C. Barnes Jr.

James Clinton Barnes Jr. died on June 2 at the age of 55. Barnes was born in the Philippines and raised in Suffolk.

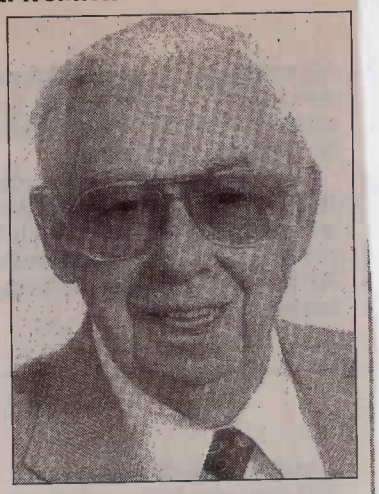
Barnes started working for NASA in 1983 and was an active employee in Langley Research Center's Systems Engineering Branch at the time of his death. He was the lead engineer for the first lidar laser flown in space, and he developed the first turntable laser to fly on NASA's ER-2 aircraft. He also served on the Undersecretary of Defense's Advisory Group and with the Optical Society of America's Advanced Solid-State Laser Committee Studies.

Barnes received numerous awards throughout his career, including the NASA Medal for Exceptional Engineering Achievement and the H.J.E. Reid Award for outstanding technical paper.

"James was an inventor who took ideas and turned them into first-of-a-kind technologies to enable new aircraft- and space-based measurement capabilities," said Stephen G. Jurcyzk, director of Langley's Systems Engineering Competency. "I truly admired James for his commitment, intellect, dedication, integrity and loyalty to NASA and the people who worked for him. He will be greatly missed by family, friends and colleagues."

Memorial donations may be offered to Saint Mark's Outreach Program for Homeless and Less Advantaged, P.O. Box 1582, Suffolk, VA 23439.

PHILIP JOSEPH SMITH



HAMPTON - Philip Joseph Smith, 84, died Wednesday, June 23, 2004.

Born in Newport News and a long-time Hampton resident, Phil graduated from Hampton High School in 1937. He served in the Army Air Corps during WW II. Following the war, Phil earned a B.S. degree in Industrial Engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and later received an M.S. in Personnel Management from George Washington University. Mr. Smith retired from NASA in 1984 after 23 years of service and then worked as a licensed realtor on the Peninsula. During his career he also worked for Dupont, Inc. and at the U.S. Naval Mine Engineering Facility in Yorktown.

He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Newport News, and was an avid fisherman and college sports enthusiast.

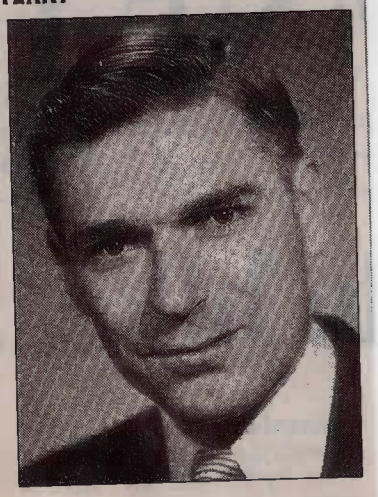
He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary Elizabeth Wright Smith, and his sisters, Lucille Good, Hazel Holt, and Mickie Todd.

Mr. Smith is survived by his wife of 35 years, Jean Mims Smith; daughters, Kathy Tysinger, Cindy Himes, Vicky Snyder, and Shelley Miller; son, Philip "Jay" 'Smith; sisters, Edna Lishman, Evelyn Lee, and Joy Rodgers; brother, Rodney Smith; and eight grandchildren, William Snyder, Curtis Snyder, Allison Snyder, Elizabeth Himes, Trey Himes, Chuck Niedermayer, Mary Lauren Smith, and Claire Miller.

A funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 26, at R. Hayden Smith Funeral Home by the Rev. Sam E. McPhail, with interment to follow in Parklawn Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Sentara Home Health Hospice, 2713 Magruder Blvd., Suite G, Hampton, VA 23666-1572, or Trinity United Methodist Church, 228 29th Street, PO Box 73, Newport News, VA 23607-0073.

LOY W. TERRY



NEWPORT NEWS - Loy Watkins Terry, 81, passed away Saturday, June 26, 2004. A native of Miledgeville, Ga., he had been a lifelong resident of Newport News.

He was a World War II veteran after which he went to work for Newport News Shipbuilding and retired from NACA as a Quality Inspection Specialist after over 30 years of service. Mr. Terry was a member of Bremond Lodge #241, McMahon Lodge #303, St. John's R. A. C. #57, a 32nd Degree Mason, Scottish Rite, Khedive Shrine, Peninsula Shrine Club and the Shrine Oriental Band.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents who raised him, Sarah and John Terry.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Bernice A. Terry; his daughters, Renee T. Heineman and her husband, Ed of Hastings, Mn., Kim T. Alto and her husband, Bill of Newport News, a grandchild, Randi Alto of Newport News; and a sister, Mildred Wolak of Newport News.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, June 30, from 7-8 p.m. at Peninsula Funeral Home. Funeral services will be conducted at the funeral home Thursday, July 1, at noon. Burial will follow in Peninsula Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 895 Middle Ground Blvd., Suite 154, Newport News, Va., 23606.

WALTER B. HORNE

WILLIAMSBURG - Walter B. Horne, a former researcher at NASA Langley Research Center, passed away in Williamsburg, Va., on June 26, 2004, after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Horne was a leading authority in the field of aviation and automobile safety, tire traction, and hydroplaning. Retiring from Langley in 1979 after 30 years of service, he remained active as a consulting expert until recently. His research and advocacy of runway and highway grooving is credited with significantly reducing the number of airplane and automobile accidents and fatalities due to hydroplaning. During his career, he authored or co-authored many technical reports, presented many lectures here and abroad, and received numerous awards, including the NASA Medal for Exceptional Scientific Achievement, the Flight Safety Foundation's Laura Taber Barbour Air Safety Award, the Royal Aeronautical Society of Sweden's Thulin Medal, and a 1993 NASA Space Act Award for Pavement Grooving Research and Development. In 1990, he was inducted into the Space Technology Hall of Fame for his work on Safety Grooving.

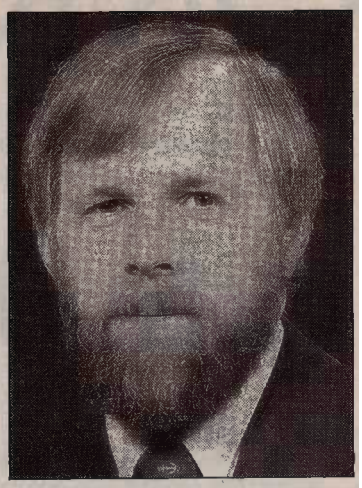
Mr. Horne graduated from University of Rhode Island with a B.S in Mechanical Engineering in 1948. He completed his degree following military service during World War II as a B-29 flight engineer stationed on Tinian Island. Mr. Horne was awarded an Air Medal and a Distinguished Flying Cross after completing 29 missions over Japan. On his last mission, he flew over the battleship Missouri as the peace treaty with Japan was signed.

Mr. Horne is survived by Mattie M. Horne, his wife of 54 years; four children: Walter B. Horne Jr. of Tennessee, William C. Horne and Janis M. Horne of California, and Carolyn B. Cahill of Maryland; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, Clifton B. Horne of Connecticut and his twin sister, Barbara Congden of Rhode Island.

A memorial service will be held at Bruton Parish Church in Williamsburg at 2 p.m. on Friday, July 2.

In liu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Bruton Parish Church, Duke of Gloucester St., Williamsburg, VA 23185, or to the Williamsburg Regional Library , 770 Croaker Road, Williamsburg, VA 23188.

ROBERT F. BERRY JR.



HAYES - Robert F. Berry Jr., father of Noah and husband of Ann, died peacefully at home, Wednesday, June 30 at the age of 56. Bob was an Apprentice Graduate at NASA Langley Research Center. His multi-faceted 38 year career doing industrial inspection at NASA Langley touched all aspects of the center's operations. He was involved in non-destructive evaluation of resercah aircraft and facilities, materials research and space flight projects stretching back prior to the first spce shuttle flight. His career culminated in work on the Columbia accident investigation and subsequent space shuttle return to flight activities. Bob held four US patents and numerous individual and group awards for technical achievement.

Bob took great pride in the accomplishments of his wife and son. Like his dad, Bob served in the U.S. Army. He enjoyed shooting and his work with the American Tactical Shooting Association in Harrisburg, Pa. He was an avid woodworker and amateur blacksmith. He loved to travel, especially to the American Southwest.

In addition to Noah and Ann, Bob is survived by his mother, Bessie Rowe Berry, and other family members. Bob will be sorely missed by his family and many supportive friends across the country.

A gathering of friends will be held Saturday July 3 at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Hogg Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 1-2 p.m. prior to the service. Per Bob's request, memorial contributions may be made to the Jamestown Rediscovery Conservation Lab, c/o APVA, 204 West Franklin St., Richmond, Va. 23220.

Arrangements by Hogg Funeral Home and Crematory, Gloucester Point.

In Memoriam

Marion E.S. Chaltry

Marion Elizabeth Stillwell Chaltry died on June 11 at the age of 65. Chaltry was a NASA retiree; she worked as an accounting assistant at Langley Research Center.

William R. Motley II

William Robert Motley II died on May 28 at the age of 57. Motley was a NASA retiree; he worked as an electrician engineer at Langley Research Center.

In Memoriam

Robert F. Berry Jr.

Robert F. Berry Jr. died on June 30 at the age of 56. Berry worked at Langley Research Center for 38 years and was an active employee in the Research Hardware Validation and Verification Branch at the time of his death.

Berry served in the U.S. Army and was a graduate of the NASA Apprentice School. He worked primarily in non-destructive evaluation of research aircraft and facilities, materials research and space flight projects. His career culminated in work on the Columbia accident investigation and subsequent return-to-flight activities for the Space Shuttle. Berry held four patents and received numerous individual and group awards for technical achievement.

"Bob was a unique and talented individual," said Donald R. Beasley, head of Langley's Research Hardware Validation and Verification Branch. "He never had an assignment he didn't give 110 percent. I truly admired Bob for his commitment, intellect, dedication, integrity and loyalty to NASA. He will be greatly missed by family, friends and colleagues."

Walter B. Horne

Walter B. Horne died on June 26 at the age of 82. Horne served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and was awarded an Air Medal and a Distinguished Flying Cross. He went on to work for NASA, retiring in 1979 after 30 years of service.

Horne was a leading authority in the fields of aviation and automobile safety, tire traction and hydroplaning. His research and advocacy of runway and highway grooving is credited with significantly reducing the number of airplane and automobile accidents and fatalities due to hydroplaning.

During his career, he authored or co-authored many technical reports, presented many lectures and received numerous awards, including the NASA Medal for Exceptional Scientific Achievement, the Flight Safety Foundation's Laura Taber Barbour Air Safety Award, the Royal Aeronautical Society of Sweden's Thulin Medal, and a 1993 NASA Space Act Award for Pavement Grooving Research and Development. In 1990, he was inducted into the Space Technology Hall of Fame for his work on safety grooving.

Philip Joseph Smith

Philip Joseph Smith died on June 23 at the age of 84. Smith, a native of Newport News, served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and went on to work for NASA, retiring in 1984 after 23 years of service.

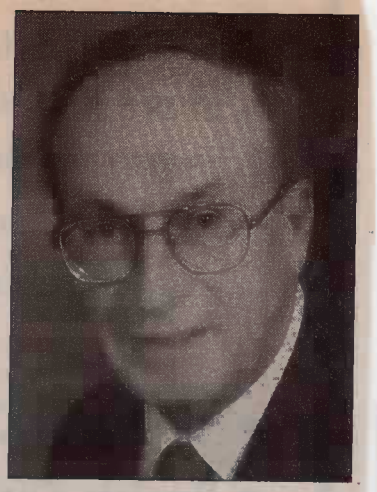
Raymond L. Stanworth III

Raymond Linwood Stanworth III died on June 24 at the age of 57. Stanworth, a native of Hampton, served in the U.S. Army and was a Vietnam veteran. He previously worked as a specialized firefighter at Langley Research Center.

Loy W. Terry

Loy Watkins Terry died on June 26 at the age 81. Terry, a native of Miledgeville, Ga., served in the U.S. military and was a veteran of World War II. He went on to work as a quality inspection specialist for Newport News Shipbuilding and the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, retiring after 30 years of service.

WILLIAM L. WELLS



SALUDA - William L. Wells, born Sept. 4, 1933, in Lafollette, Tenn., departed this life on July 15, 2004, after a strong willed battle against cancer.

Bill served in the Army Oct. 1953 to Oct. 1955. He held a BS from Tenn. Polytechnic Institute and an MS from George Washington University. He retired from NASA Langley Research Center after 30 years as a Research Engineer investigating planetary entry simulation and hypersonic flight. After retirement, he enjoyed ornamental gardening, fine homebuilding, woodworking, and camper travel.

Bill was an active member of Bethel Baptist Church in Tabb for 25 years where he served numerous positions for his Lord. After recently relocating to Middlesex County, he was attending Harmony Grove Baptist Church in Topping.

Preceding him in death are his parents; his sister, Arlene Bridges; and his brother, Donald Wells.

Missing him and cherishing his memory, he is survived by his wife, Willa J. Wells of Saluda, Va.; his son, Michael L. Wells and wife, Denise, of Hayes, Va.; his daughter, Pamela C. Wilson and husband, Sid, of Hayes, Va.; his four grandchildren, Justin and Jasmine Wells, and Geoffrey and Trevor Wilson; his brothers, Arlis Wells of Oak Ridge, Tenn., Robert Wells of Oliver Springs, Tenn., and Charles Wells of Seaford, Va.

The family will receive friends from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 18, at Peninsula Funeral Home. A service will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Monday, July 19, at Peninsula Funeral Home with Pastor Franklin D. Hall officiating. Burial will follow at Parklawn Memorial Park.

VERNON L. ALLEY JR.

NEWPORT NEWS - Vernon Lynn Alley Jr., a Peninsula resident for 79 years, died Wednesday, July 14, 2004.

Mr. Alley worked for six years at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard before coming to NACA, later renamed NASA. He retired from NASA as Special Assistant to the Director's Office in charge of Engineering Analysis after 30 years of service. His work included challenges with design, analysis and problem solving for the Apollo, Viking and Skylab Space Programs. Additionally, he worked on the design of research facilities for wind tunnels, drive systems, aircraft components, landing gear and flight instrumentation.

Mr. Alley was a great thinker and loved to ponder the mysteries of the universe. He also enjoyed sailing and fishing. He was a kind, gentle and artistic man. He was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. He attended the Church of Christ Scientist in Newport News.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Nadine P. Alley; two daughters, Lynda A. Gilpin and her husband, Larry, of Newport News, and Pamela A. Brumley and her husband, Ken, of Chesapeake; one son, Ray Alley and his wife, Andrea, of Newport News; eight grandchildren, Shannon, Rosalyn, Scott, Brian, Rebecca, Paul, Luke, and Mark; and three great-grandchildren, Kayla, Kyle and Ava.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, July 16, in the chapel of W.J. Smith & Son Funeral Home at 210 Harpersville Road in Newport News. The family will receive friends after the service until 4:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Virginia Air and Space Center, 600 Settlers Landing Road, Hampton, VA 23669, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, 1108 E. Main Street, Suite 1600, Richmond, VA 23219, or to a favorite charity.

Arrangements by W.J. Smith & Son Funeral Home.

Pauline Horton Leftwich

HAMPTON - Pauline Horton Leftwich, born May 8, 1919, joined her heavenly father on July 16, 2004.

She was born in Coleman's Falls, Va., to her parents, Edwin L. Horton and Elizabeth Susan Knight.

Pauline has lived in Hampton, Va., since 1945. She was a member of Community Presbyterian Church where she sang in the choir for many years and was the first woman Deacon.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William J. Leftwich Jr.; sons, William J. "BJ" Leftwich III and Joseph Dale Leftwich; brother, Hugh Horton, and sister, Lollie Arthur and her husband, Maurice.

She is survived by her foster daughter, Brenda Liverman Curran and Brenda's daughter, Stacy, and grandson, Chris, all of Hampton; her brother-in-law, James A. Leftwich Sr. and wife, Eleaner, of Chesapeake, Va.; sisters, Inez Grantham and her husband, Croft, of Alexandria, and Mary Trevey of Big Island, Va.; and many nieces and nephews.

The family has invited friends who wish to see Pauline at R. Hayden Smith Funeral Home to do so at your convenience. The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to Noon Tuesday at Community Presbyterian Church in Hampton. A funeral service will be conducted at the church beginning at Noon by Pastor Ronald Blade. Interment will follow in Parklawn Memorial Park.

Pauline was an avid square dancer and clogger. She also bowled. She liked to garden, especially flowers and loved her home. She was a homemaker; previously before she worked for a private company, the US Government and NASA as a secretary.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the building fund of Community Presbyterian Church, 400 Fox Hill Road, Hampton, VA 23669.

Arrangements are being provided by R. Hayden Smith Funeral Home in Hampton.

PATRICIA CROSS

YORKTOWN - Patricia Cross, 50, an employee of NASA Langley Research Center, died Friday, July 16, 2004. Arrangements by Amory Funeral Home, Grafton.

MAUD MULLER GILLESPIE

CARROLLTON - Maud Muller Gillespie of Carrollton, Va., died Wednesday, July 21, 2004.

Mrs. Gillespie was born in Albany, N.Y., on Nov. 30, 1911, and lived many years in Chincoteague, Va. She was preceded in death by her husband, the late Earl Gillespie of Atlantic, Va.

Mrs. Gillespie retired in 1981 from a career at NASA on Wallops Island and began her career as a faithful volunteer for her community. Until the day of her passing, she volunteered extensively at the Carrollton Library, the Jacques Cousteau Society and the Isle of Wight County Department of Social Services.

She was a member of Christ United Methodist Church, Chincoteague, as well as an associate member of Benn's United Methodist Church, Smithfield. Mrs. Gillespie was active for many years in the choirs of both churches.

Mrs. Gillespie is survived by three daughters, Roberta Doty of Whiting, N.J., Ruth Tolbert of Chincoteague and Sally Highlander of Baltimore, Md.; three sons, Richard Gillespie and William T. Gillespie, both of Chincoteague, and Ernest R. Gillespie of Carrollton; and three sisters, Ruth Soule, Mary Watson and Margaret Grant. She was preceded in death by three sons, Raymond L. Gillespie, Earl Gillespie and an infant. She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Arly Muller, Dana Muller and Wesley Muller. She also leaves behind to cherish her memory 22 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at 2 o'clock on Sunday, July 25, at Christ United Methodist Church in Chincoteague with the Rev. Travis Deloach officiating. Interment will follow in the John W. Taylor Memorial Cemetery in Temperanceville, Va. A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 27, at Benn's United Methodist Church in Smithfield, Va., with the Rev. Mark Burgess officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Benn's United Methodist Church Memorial Fund, 14571 Benn's Church Blvd., Smithfield, VA 23430 or Christ United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 687, Chincoteague, VA 23336.

Funeral arrangements by the Salyer Funeral Home in Chincoteague, Va.

LOUISE M. HOPKINS

HAMPTON - Louise M. Hopkins, 87, passed away on Monday, July 26, 2004, after a courageous battle with heart disease.

A native of Nahunta, N.C., she had been a Hampton resident for 65 years. Mrs. Hopkins was a lab technician at NASA-LRC for 22 years, and a blueprint operator for Newport News Shipyard, where she retired after 14 years of service. She was a member of Liberty Baptist Church.

Mrs. Hopkins was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond F. Hopkins; four sisters, Estelle Miller, Irene Howell, Clyde Carroll and Annie Mae Fields; and four brothers, Charles, Carl, Leonard and Leland Mayo.

Survivors include her son, M. Louis Smith and wife, Sue, of Williamsburg; grandson, Randy Smith and wife, Rhonda, of Frankfort, Ky.; two great-grandchildren, Macy and Mason Smith of Frankfort, Ky.; and her sister, Rachel Martin of Poquoson.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 28, at Peninsula Funeral Home. A funeral service will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home with burial to follow in Peninsula Memorial Park.

JOHN JOSEPH FERRAINOLO

HAMPTON - John Joseph Ferrainolo, 55, of Hampton, died suddenly on July 10, 2004. John was a lover of the word, whether printed in verse or literature, journals or on line, spoken or in song. He struggled, life-long, to comprehend and follow the Word of God which he also loved.

His memory is held dear in the hearts of his wife, Irene and son, Philip, both of Hampton. Born in Homestead (Pittsburgh) Pennsylvania to John "Red" Ferrainolo and the late Dorothy Breznay, John is survived by his brothers, Robert Ferrainolo (Donna), Wayne Ferrainolo, David Ferrainolo (Lori), and sister, Carole Ferrainolo Steigerwald (Paul), and by great-aunt Antoinette Goltiz, godson, Stephen Ferrainolo, and 18 nieces & nephews.

Funeral services and internment were held in Pennsylvania on July 16.

John was a graduate of Carnegie Mellon University School of Engineering, 1971; Saint Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, 1983; and the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Library and Information Science, 1984. He was employed by NASA Langley Research Center where he provided specialist reference services in the areas of structures and materials, composites and aerospace science. He was recognized for his contributions to the Columbia Accident Investigation in August 2003.

Irene and Philip invite their friends and those who knew and worked with John to join them at 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 31, for a Trisagion (memorial prayer service) and Vespers at Dormition of the Theotokos Orthodox Church, 1065 East Bayview Blvd, Norfolk, with a gathering in the church coffee room afterward. Comfort comes both from shared prayer and joyful remembrances.

In Memoriam

Herbert C. Emerson Sr.

Herbert Chester Emerson Sr. died on July 10, his 70th birthday. Emerson, a native of Norfolk, served in the U.S. Air Force for 20 years and went on to work as a security officer at Langley Research Center and several other government facilities.

Vernon L. Alley Jr.

Vernon Lynn Alley Jr. died on July 14 at the age of 79. Alley, a Peninsula native, worked at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for six years before going to work for NACA and NASA for 30 years.

Alley's work included design, analysis and problem-solving for the Apollo, Viking and Skylab programs. He also worked on the design of

In Memoriam

Lloyd W. Spangler Jr.

Lloyd W. Spangler Jr. died on Aug. 14. Spangler worked at Langley Research Center for 35 years.

LLOYD W. SPANGLER JR.

POQUOSON - Lloyd W. Spangler Jr. departed this life on Aug. 14, 2004. He was affiliated with the NASA Langley Research Center for 35 years and was a member of Liberty Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his father, Lloyd W. Spangler Sr., and his brother, Charles W. Spangler.

Survivors include his loving and devoted wife, Barbara; his much loved only son, Christopher; his mother, Gladys L. Spangler; two sisters, Jeanette Hill and Alice Watts; and his brother, David Spangler.

He was blessed with a large family and the support of many close friends.

The family will receive friends from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 16, at Peninsula Funeral Home. A funeral service will be conducted 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17, at Liberty Baptist Church by the Rev. Joe Hunt with burial to follow at Peninsula Memorial Park.

In Memoriam

John J. Ferrainolo

John Joseph Ferrainolo died on July 10 at the age of 55. Ferrainolo, a native of Homestead, Pa., was an active employee in Langley Research Center's Library and Information Services Branch. He provided specialist reference services in the areas of structures and materials, composites and aerospace science. He was recognized for his contributions to the Columbia accident investigation in August 2003.

Patricia Cross

Patricia Cross died on July 16 at the age of 50. Cross was an active employee in Langley Research Center's Systems Engineering Branch.

Maud M. Gillespie

Maud Muller Gillespie died on July 21 at the age of 93. Gillespie, a native of Albany, N.Y., worked at NASA's Wallops Flight Facility, retiring in 1981.

Louise M. Hopkins

Louise M. Hopkins died on July 26 at the age of 87. Hopkins, a native of Nahunta, N.C., worked as a lab technician at Langley Research Center for 22 years. She went on to work 12 more years as a blueprint operator at Newport News Shipyard.

Pauline H. Leftwich

Pauline Horton Leftwich died on July 16 at the age of 85. Leftwich, a native of Coleman's Falls, worked as a secretary for NASA.

Leonard J. Pepe Jr.

Leonard J. Pepe Jr. died on July 30 at the age of 87. Pepe, a native of Newport News, worked at Newport News Shipbuilding and NASA for 30 years.

William L. Wells

William L. Wells died on July 15 at the age of 70. Wells, a native of Lafollette, Tenn., served in the U.S. Army and went on to work as a research engineer for NASA, investigating planetary entry simulation and hypersonic flight. He retired after 30 years of service.

ROBERT W. FRALICH

YORKTOWN - Dr. Robert William Fralich, 80, was called home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, August 17, 2004. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on January 12, 1924, and resided in Yorktown for the past 41 years.

Dr. Fralich received his Aeronautical Engineering degree from the University of Cincinnati in 1947 followed by employment at the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA) at Langley Field in Hampton, now NASA, as a theoretical research engineer and remained until he retired in 1980. During his years of employment, he earned a Master of Aeronautical Engineering degree from The University of Virginia and a Doctorate in Engineering Mechanics from Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

During his graduate studies, he taught at V.P.I. and U.V.A., and later at George Washington University, Thomas Nelson Community College and Hampton Roads Academy. He was active in his church, where he taught Sunday School and served as deacon and elder.

Dr. Fralich leaves to cherish his memories his wife of 54 years, Hilda; two daughters, Barbara Wood and her husband, Grady, and Nancy Bunton and her husband, Greg; two sons, William Fralich and his wife, Mary Catherine, and Thomas Fralich and his wife, Toni. Dr. Fralich has one brother, Clifford Fralich, and ten grandchildren: Lindsey, Stacy, Christine, Joe, Bobby, Cory, Matthew, Jennifer, William and Sarah.

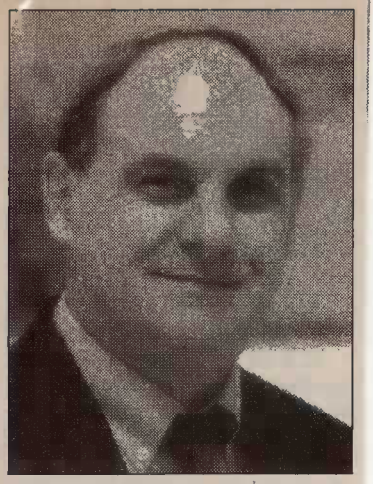
A celebration of life service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, August 21, at Yorkminster Presbyterian Church. A private burial will precede the service.

The family will receive friends from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, August 20, at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the care of Amory Funeral Home, 410 Grafton Drive, Grafton.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Children's Home Society of Virginia, 4200 Fitzhugh Avenue, Richmond, VA, 23230 or Yorkminster Presbyterian Church, 6218 George Washington Highway, Yorktown, VA, 23692.

WAYNE S. SLEMP



NEWPORT NEWS - Wayne Sherman Slemp, 68, passed away on Monday, Aug. 23, 2004.

Wayne was born on Sept. 25, 1935, in Lee County, Va., to H. Leslie and Thelma Grace Slemp. He grew up in Big Stone Gap, Va.

He was a graduate of Emory & Henry College with a Bachelor of Science degree. He retired from NASA after 36 years as a Materials Research Engineer at the Langley Research Center. He specialized in the development of materials used in the space program, including those flown on the Columbia Space Shuttle, the International Space Station, and the Long Duration Exposure Facility satellite.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Shelby M. Slemp; his daughters, Lara Lynn Fries and her husband, Brad, of Herndon, Va., and Sharon Leslie Slemp of New York, N.Y.; his son, Greg Slemp and his wife, Tabetha, of Orlando, Fla.; four grandchildren, Mark Bradley Fries, Troy Wayne Fries, Jake Malcom Fries, and David Gregory Slemp. Other relatives include his cousins, Dr. Andrew Slemp, and Martha Wylie.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday in Peninsula Funeral Home. A funeral service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday in Christ United Methodist Church with Rev. Bruce Carper officiating. Burial will follow in Peninsula Memorial Park.

Memorials may take the form of contributions to either the American Cancer Society, 895 Middle Ground Blvd., Suite 154, Newport News, VA 23606 or Christ United Methodist Church, 133 Deep Creek Road, Newport News, VA 23606.

In Memoriam

Robert W. Fralich

Robert William Fralich died on Aug. 17 at the age of 80. Fralich, a native of Cincinnati, worked as a theoretical research engineer at NACA and NASA from 1947 to 1980. He also taught at George Washington University, Thomas Nelson Community College and Hampton Roads Academy.

Wayne S. Slemp

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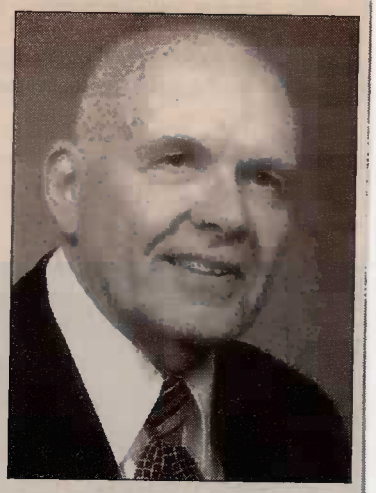
ROBERT MACLACHLAN



HAMPTON - Robert MacLachlan, beloved and devoted husband, father, and grandfather, left this world on Monday, Aug. 23, 2004, from the Sentara Careplex in Hampton. Mr. MacLachlan had been a resident of Hampton for more than 60 years.

Born in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, on Oct. 25, 1919, to Robert and Elizabeth McKenzie MacLachlan, Mr. MacLachlan moved to the United States as a youth and attended Bethel High School in Bethel Park, Pa. He later attended the Carnegie Institute of Technology (now Carnegie Mellon University) where he majored in Physics and graduated in 1941 with a Bachelor of Science degree. While attending Carnegie he met Daryl Rose Adams and the two were married the day before his twenty second birthday on Oct. 24, 1941.

From 1941 to 1970 Mr. MacLachlan worked at NACA/NASA. He was active in many social and civic organizations including the Monitor Lodge No. 97 AF & AM, Tall Cedars of Lebanon Mariner's Forest No. 147, NARFE Chapter No. 682, Sigma Nu Fraternity, the Men's Bible Class of the First Presbyterian Church of Hampton, and the Boy Scouts of America. He was a licensed radio operator through the American Radio Relay League and a 50-year member of the American Philatelic Society.

Mr. MacLachlan was an accomplished musician as a performer, composer and arranger, and a member of the American Federation of Musicians Local 125 for many years. His musical passion encompassed both the sacred and the secular. He served as Choir Director for the Tabernacle Baptist and Wythe Presbyterian Churches and for the First Presbyterian Church, where he was also an Elder.

On the secular side, Mr. MacLachlan played the piano, tuba, French horn, and the accordion as his main instruments and performed in a wide variety of formats ranging from standard and experimental jazz ensembles, to popular and show tune orchestras, to the Hampton Lion's Club Jug Band. Mr. MacLachlan was the Musical Director for 25 shows produced by local community theater groups and worked as a pianist with many local bands. He directed the Retired Men's Band as they entertained folks at retirement and nursing homes. He also directed a group of Handbell Ringers.

In addition to Daryl, his wife of 62 years, Mr. MacLachlan leaves behind his sister, Janet Bain MacLachlan Hafer; daughters, Ruth Morgan, Ellen Saunders and Irene Smith; his son, Robert B. MacLachlan; grandchildren, Richard Taplin, Mary Elizabeth Taplin-Sproat, Timothy, Susan and Bethany Saunders; foster grandchild, Gloria Carter; sons-in-law, Warren Saunders, Bobby Smith and Tim Morgan; and grandson-in-law, Keith Sproat.

A memorial service to celebrate Mr. MacLachlan's life is scheduled at the First Presbyterian Church of Hampton located at 514 S. Armistead Avenue on Sunday, Sept. 12, at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that a donation be made to a favorite charity or the local Parkinson's Disease Association, Virginia Beach Chapter, 4560 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23462.

DONALD DEAN RESNER SR.

WINTERVILLE, N.C. - Mr. Donald Dean Resner Sr., 71, died Saturday, Sept. 11, 2004.

Mr. Resner retired from the U.S. Air Force as a Staff Sergeant with 20 years of active service in Military Police and a tour of duty in Vietnam. Following his retirement, he was employed for 12 years as a security officer with NASA at Langley Air Force Base in Hampton, Va.

A resident of Greenville for the past 20 years, he was a member of the V.F.W., the American Legion and the Greenville Moose Lodge.

Surviving is his wife of 45 years, Linda Bulluck Resner; daughter, Rebecca Ann Brown and husband, Sam, of Hampton, Va.; son, Donn Resner Jr. and wife, Stacie, of Lugoff, S.C.; brother, Edward Resner of Sturgeon Bay, Wis.; sisters, Shirley Resner and Rose Cegielski, both of Sturgeon Bay, Wis.; grandchildren, Noah Resner and Shawn Tyree; and great-granddaughters, Shelby and Madison.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Wilkerson Funeral Home. A graveside funeral service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Hampton Memorial Gardens, Hampton, Va., with full military honors.

PATRICK S. MCGOLDRICK

POQUOSON - Patrick S. McGoldrick passed into the arms of our Heavenly Father on Saturday, Sept. 18, 2004, at Dominion Village of Poquoson.

Born June 22, 1923, in Rochester, N.Y., Pat served in the European Theater of Operations during WWII, and in the Far East Air Forces during the Korean War. A career officer in the Air Force, he retired from service in 1967, and subsequently served as a Communications Specialist with NASA at the Goddard Space Flight Center. He was a member of the Retired Officers Association, and a long-standing member of St. Kateri Takakwitha Catholic Community in Tabb.

Pat is survived by his beloved wife of 56 years, Eunice McGoldrick; his son, Timothy and his wife, Vickie, and their three children; a son, Marty and his wife, Barbara, and their two children; a son, Mickey and his wife, Gayle, and their four children; a son, Sean and his wife, Vickie, and their two children; and a daughter, Maggi and her husband, Tim, and their four children; and three great-grandchildren.

A Mass of the Resurrection will be held 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Church by Father Larry Mullaney. Burial will follow at Peninsula Memorial Park, Newport News, with military honors.

Claytor Rollins Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

In Memoriam

Robert MacLachlan

Robert MacLachlan died on Aug. 23 at the age of 84. MacLachlan, a native of Calgary, Canada, worked for NACA and NASA, retiring in 1970 after 29 years of service.

Donald Dean Resner Sr.

Donald Dean Resner Sr. died on Sept. 11 at the age of 71. Resner served in the U.S. Air Force for 20 years and was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He went on to work for 12 years as a security officer at Langley Research Center.

ROBERT S. "BOB" SWANSON

FAIRFAX - Robert S. "Bob" Swanson, a former research scientist with NACA, the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics and predecessor of NASA, died Sept. 7, 2004, at age 89.

He was born in Bridgeport, Neb. The family soon moved to Long Beach, Calif., where Bob attended school through his first two years of college. He completed his undergraduate studies at the University of California, Berkeley, in 1938 with a B.S. degree in Electrical/Mechanical Engineering. He later returned to Berkeley and earned a Master's degree in Engineering. He was a resident of Fairfax, Va., at the time of his death.

He is survived by a daughter, Susan Worthen; grandsons, Eric St. Clair Swanson and Troy Robert Worthen of Lakeland, Fla.; stepson, Carl Bergan; and grandson, Dalton Bergan of California; and by his life companion, Velma Burnett of Fairfax, Va.

Bob joined the Langley Research Center in 1938 and was assigned to the Atmospheric Wind Tunnel (AWT) Section. He soon became interested in improving procedures for testing models in wind tunnels. He developed procedures for correcting test data for the constraining effects of wind tunnel walls. He also developed test procedures for evaluating effects of propeller thrust on airplane stability and control.

Bob left Langley and moved to California in 1947. During the next 10 years, he had various working relationships with NASA Ames, NAMTC at Point Mugu and the Lockheed and Northrop Aircraft Companies.

Bob organized the Astro Consultants Company in 1958 and served as its president until 2000. During that period, his company performed numerous studies under contract to IDA, the Institute for Defense Analysis and DIA, the Defense Intelligence Agency. Much of the work involved analyses of the problem of missile interception from the view of either the interceptor or the attacker missile.

Bob held memberships in the following organizations: American Institute of Electrical Engineers, The British Interplanetary Society, The Canadian Aeronautics and Space Institute, The American Aeronautical Agency, and The Swedish Astronautical Society.

Bob will be remembered by his acquaintances as one who enjoyed his work and created a fun-like relationship with those who worked with him. He had long-term interests in both tennis and golf, however, many probably believe that his overriding interest was in square dancing, which he enjoyed at every opportunity until the end of his life.

JAMES ALBERT ALLEN

NEWPORT NEWS - James Albert Allen, 59, died on Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2004.

He was born in Jonesboro, Tenn., on March 8, 1945, to the late Buford S. and Joy Hill Allen. Mr. Allen retired from NASA in 2001 after 29 years of service. A carpenter at heart, he worked part time at Montgomery Enterprise in Newport News. He also enjoyed fishing and woodworking, and was a member of Moose Lodge #1711.

Survivors include his wife, Kimberly Allen; two daughters, Cara Martin and her husband, Shane, of Virginia Beach, and Megan Bickers and her husband, Mike, of Round Rock, Texas; three sisters, Betty Thompson and her husband, Luther, of Jonesboro, Tenn., Wanda Koepke and her husband, Herman, of Ellicott City, Md., and Pearl Boyles and her husband, Melvin, of Jonesboro, Tenn.; three grandchildren, Luke Martin, Jacob Bickers and Abbey Bickers; father and mother-in-law, Wally and Chris Reynolds of Newport News; and seven nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Bud Allen.

Visitation will be from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30, in W. J. Smith & Son Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1, in the chapel of W. J. Smith & Son Funeral Home with Pastor David Wilson and Pastor Shane Martin officiating. Entombment will follow in Parklawn Memorial Park.

Memorial donations may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 120 Wall Street, 19th floor, New York, NY 10005.

Arrangements by W. J. Smith & Son Funeral Home.

KENNETH W. 'RIP' CROCKER SR

HAMPTON - Kenneth William "Rip" Crocker Sr., 83, who retired from NASA in 1985 after 38 years of Civil Service, died Oct. 7, 2004. Arrangements by R. Hayden Smith Funeral Home.

WILLIAM M. ROLLINS SR.

POQUOSON - William M."Billy" Rollins Sr., 76, co-owner and operator of Rollins Boatyard in Poquoson, where he built 112 boats over the past 50 years, died Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2004.

He was a native and lifelong resident of Poquoson; he retired in 1976 as an Engineering Technician at NASA Langley Research Center after 32 years; and was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

Mr. Rollins was preceded in death by his first wife, Carrie F. Rollins, second wife, Mary Rae Rollins, and his parents, Mary Evans and William Thomas Rollins. He is survived by three sons, Will Rollins and wife, Nancy, Dave Rollins and wife, Trudy, and Tom Rollins and wife, Mischelle; three daughters, Susan Thomas and husband, Phillip, Laurie Silver and husband, Wayne, and Marie Hensley and husband, Greg; 24 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; friend, Mrs. Ann Horner. Also, faithful dog, Davy Crockett.

The family will receive friends tonight, 7 to 8:30 p.m., at Claytor Rollins Funeral Home, and other times at the residence. A graveside service will be held Saturday, 11 a.m., at Weston Cemetery, Poquoson, by Rev. Milford C. Rollins and Rev. James D. Thomas.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Messick Cemetery Association, C/O Bill Weston, 1436 Poquoson Ave., Poquoson, VA 23662, or the Poquoson Fire & Rescue Squad, 830 Poquoson Ave., Poquoson, VA 23662.

MARY CATLETT KORYCINSKI

CARROLLTON - Mary Catlett Korycinski, 78, slipped quietly away on Oct. 2, 2004, in Spotsylvania County at the home of her cousin, Joyce Ackerman.

Mary was a loving wife, stepmother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend to many.

Mary was born and raised in Hampton, Va., and lived in Carrollton for the past 20 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Helen and Henry Catlett, and her beloved husband of 20 years, Peter F. Korycinski, who passed away in 1996.

She is survived by three stepdaughters, Jane Smith and husband, Michael, of Newport News, Nancy Houston of Carrollton, and Ann Catron and husband, John, of Carrollton; one granddaughter, Laurie Swicegood and husband, Steve; four grandsons, Kory and Brock Houston, Peter and Daniel Catron; and one great-grandson, Clayton Houston.

She is also survived by her cousin and best friend, Joyce Ackerman of Spotsylvania County and her four daughters, Joy, Kimberly, Tracy and Valerie, and cousin Evelyn Greene and husband, Rubin; her beloved cat Morris; and a host of loyal and loving friends.

She graduated from the Hampton School System and the Hampton Roads Secretarial Academy and upon graduation was hired by NACA (later NASA) as a secretary. She continued her employment at NASA until her retirement in 1988 working her entire career in the Aeronautics Directorate. From that time until she was no longer able, Mary volunteered her services to many organizations, including the Red Cross, the Carisbrook Library, Carisbrook Community Association and Benns United Methodist Church.

Mary loved to travel and traveled extensively with her husband and friends in their Piper Commanche 250 attending many NACA reunions and many "just for fun" flights. After the death of her husband, Pete, she traveled with her cousin Joyce until her late illness. She loved to garden and her beautiful flower gardens were enjoyed by all who passed her home in Carrollton. Mary loved to sing and had been active in the Virginia Chorale Society, the Little Theater, and her church choir. She was a professional secretary and was a member of the National Organization of Government Secretaries (NAGS) for over 40 years. She was a loyal friend and was especially fond of her association with the Lynnhaven Ladies. Perhaps her greatest love of all was for her family and grandchildren. All who knew Mary will remember forever her contagious laughter and loving personality.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6, at Benns United Methodist Church in Smithfield (corner of Route 10 and Route 258) with the Reverend Mark Burgess officiating. The family will receive friends after the service. Interment will be at Peninsula Memorial Park.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Found and Sons Funeral Home in Spotsylvania County. Online dolences may be sent to www.found sons.com.

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In Memoriam

Herbert Jay Cunningham

Herbert Jay Cunningham died on July 23 at the age of 83. Cunningham, a native of St. Clairsville, Ohio, worked as an aeronautical research engineer at Langley Research Center and was a recognized expert in wing flutter. He was the author of many technical reports and the recipient of a Special Achievement Award in 1984 and the Nastran Achievement Award in 1986. He retired in 1988 after 43 years of government service.

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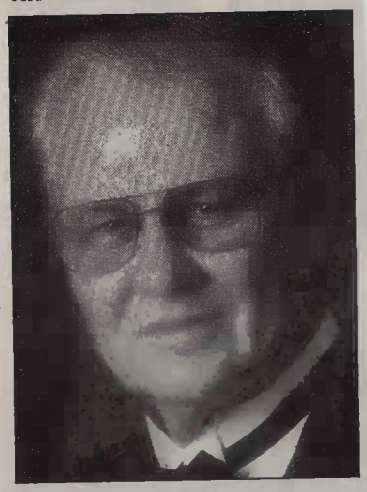

HAMPTON - Kenneth William 'Rip' Crocker Sr., 83, died at home Thursday, Oct. 7, 2004. Born in Tampa, Fla., he had lived in Hampton since 1937 where he was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Newport News.

A 1940 graduate of Hampton High School, Ken graduated from the Newport News Shipyard Apprentice School in 1944 and then served in the U.S. Navy until World War II was over. He then joined NACA and retired from NASA in 1985 after 38 years Civil Service.

Among many volunteer and other community activities, Mr. Crocker was a member of the Original Club, the Apprentice Alumni Association and the Engineering Club of the Peninsula and was named Sportsman of the Year Emeritus by the Peninsula Sports Club. He was also active in the Boy Scout program where he had served as a Cub Pack Leader and Scout Troop Leader.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret 'Peg' Crocker; seven children and their spouses, Kenneth W. Jr. and Julie Crocker of Hampton, Edward F. Crocker of New York City, Sheila and John Gammel of Hampton, Stephen and Liz Crocker of Richmond, James and Kathy Crocker of Hampton, Kevin and Kim Crocker of Virginia Beach and Robert J. Crocker of Baltimore, Md.; a brother, George M. Crocker Jr. of Ellicott City, Md.; and 12 grandchildren, Wendy, Robin, Laura, Michael, Billy, Jacob, Chris, Amanda, Ellen, Eric, Kyle and Kelly.

A Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Monday in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church by Rev. Robert E. French. Burial will follow in Peninsula Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 until 8 p.m. Sunday in R. Hayden Smith Funeral Home.

Memorials may in the form of contributions to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 2727 Enterprise Pkwy, Suite 201, Richmond, VA 23294.

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Robert S. Swanson

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Swanson formed Astro Consultants Co. in 1958 and served as its president until 2000. He held memberships in many organizations, including the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and the American Astronautical Society.

NASA engineer Faget dies; called space leger

He envisioned spacecraft designs that helped the U.S. win the race to the moon and develop a reusable shuttle.

BY GWYNETH K. SHAW/THE ORLANDO SENTINEL

WASHINGTON — Maxime A. Faget, a pioneering engineer who worked on every American-manned spacecraft from the Mercury capsule to the space shuttle, died Saturday, NASA announced Sunday. He was 83.

As one of the original 35 engineers to join the Space Task Group in 1958, Faget conceived of and proposed the design of the Project Mercury spacecraft and led the team that studied the feasibility of a moon mission.

He retired from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in 1981, after helping to plan and develop the shuttle system.

Faget helped Langley Aeronautics Laboratory launch the United States into the Space Age, according to several Langley retirees who tested Faget's cutting-edge concepts.

"Max was one of the greats in the aerospace business," said Dennis Bushnell, chief scientist at NASA Langley Research Center. "There's no doubt about it."

When Faget went to work at Langley in 1946, the nation had no space agency. Back then there was the NACA, the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics.

Faget started working with space flight concepts when assigned to the Pilotless Aircraft Research Division, which launched rocket-powered aircraft models and missiles from Wallops Island at speeds faster than the speed of sound. As the NACA strove

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"Max Faget was truly a legend of the manned space flight program," Christopher Kraft, NASA's first flight director and a former director of Johnson Space Center, said in a written statement released by the agency Sunday.

"He was a true icon of the space program. There is no one in space flight history in this or any other country who has had a larger impact on man's quest in space exploration," Kraft added. "History will remember him as one of the really great scientists of the 20th century."

Born in 1921 in British Honduras, Faget graduated from Louisiana State University with a degree in mechanical engineering in 1943. He served on submarine while in the U.S. Navy.

"Without Max Faget's innovative designs and thoughtful approach to problem solving, America's space program would have had trouble getting off the ground," NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe said in a written statement.

"His genius allowed us to compete and win the space race to the Moon," William Readdy, NASA's associate administrator for space operations, said in a written statement.

He is survived by four children; his wife, Nancy, died in 1994.

Daily Press reporter Dave Schleck contributed to this report.

LEON 'DONALD' HOGGE

HAYES - Leon "Donald" Hogge, born Oct. 10, 1935, died Oct. 11, 2004, at the age of 69, in Riverside Walter Reed Hospital.

Donald was retired as an engineer from NASA and served his country as a member of the United States Air Force. He was a former member of the Abingdon Volunteer Fire Department and was currently a member of the Gloucester Moose Lodge #886 and Hampton Roads Order Legion of the Moose Lodge No.199 until his illness.

His parents, Lorrimer Hogge Sr. and Mildred Seawell Hogge, preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Joyce Shackelford Hogge; two daughters, Donna H. Wolfe and Luella H. Lemon; one son, John E. Hogge and wife, Melissa; two sisters, Joyce H. Hudgins and Jean H. Smith; two brothers, Lorrimer H. Hogge Jr. and Thomas E. Hogge; nine grandchildren, Kevin C. Tabb, Shannon Nicole Hogge, Crystal Renea Hogge, Misty Dawn Wolfe, Jeremy D. Wolfe, John Elliott Hogge II, Taylor Renea Downing, Faith Marie Hogge and Morgan Joseph Hogge.

Entombment will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, at Windsor Garden Cemetery Mausoleum, conducted by the Pastor Willard Lamberth. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at Hogg Funeral Home, Gloucester Point, and other times at the home of his daughter, Luella, 2654 Woodford Ave., Hayes.

In his memory, memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, Attn: Cancer Rockers Team, c/o Mrs. G. Edward Mowry, 7274 Joseph Lewis Lane, Hayes, VA 223072, or Abingdon Volunteer Fire and Rescue, P.O. Box 9, Bena, VA 23018.

JOHN P. TRIBBLE

NEWPORT NEWS - John Pershing Tribble, 86, died Thursday, Oct. 14, 2004, at Riverside Regional Medical Center. A native of Chesapeake, he had been a resident of the Peninsula most of his life.

Mr. Tribble was an Army veteran of WWII serving in the Caribbean. Following his military service, he returned to NACA, now NASA, and resumed his career in aviation and space research. He retired in 1979 after more than 40 years of Federal Service.

He was a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, a Life Member of Newport News Elks Lodge #315, Denbigh Post 368 American Legion, and Warwick Moose Lodge #1711.

Mr. Tribble was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth Tribble. He is survived by two daughters, Susan Earley and husband, Lin, of Virginia Beach, and Neta Bowers and husband, Jim, of Suffolk; grandson, Matthew Earley and great-granddaughter, Shea Elizabeth Earley, also of Virginia Beach; four sisters, Lucy Overton and Ella Hannah, both of Portsmouth, Geneva Gates of Las Cruces, N.M., and Gloria Alexander and husband, Bill, of Holiday, Fla.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17, at Weymouth Funeral Home. A funeral service will be conducted at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 18, at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church with the Rev. Betty Long officiating. Interment will be in Peninsula Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 372 Hiden Blvd., Newport News, VA 23606 or to the Rescue Mission.

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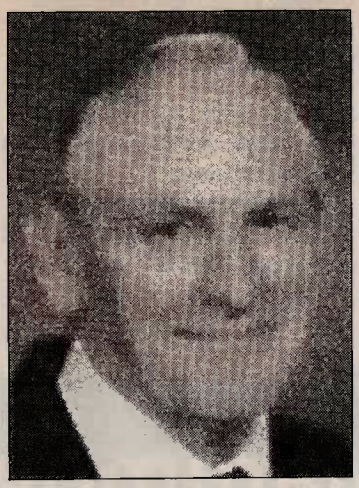

WILLIAMSBURG - Leo O. Roach Jr., 81, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 23, 2004.

Mr. Roach was a native of Morristown, Tenn., and longtime Peninsula resident.

He was a graduate of Phoebus High School and retired from property control at N.A.S.A. in 1974 after 30 years of service. He was an Army veteran of World War II and received a Purple Heart.

Leo was a volunteer with Sarah Bonwell Hudgins and a member of the Peninsula Baseball Umpires Association. He was active with Little League Baseball District 7 as an umpire for 32 years serving from 1962 to 1994, and was a member of Grafton Christian Church.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Frances Fox Roach; a sister, Kathleen; and two brothers, Joseph and Charles.

He is survived by his loving wife of 20 years, Delcie Hodge Roach; a daughter, Linda Hodge Dean and her husband, John, of Williamsburg; two sisters, Bertha Ashton of Puyallup, Wash., and Cecelia Marsland of Dublin, Ohio; three brothers, Francis J. Roach of Hampton, John Roach of Houston, Texas, and Bernard Roach of New Braunfels, Texas; two grandchildren, Christopher John Dean and Amy Elizabeth Dean; an aunt, Sister Antoninus Lynch O.P.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 25, in Amory Funeral Home Chapel by the Rev. Stephen Smythers. Burial will follow in Parklawn Memorial Park. The family will receive friends one hour prior to service.

Memorial donations may be made to York County Fire & Rescue, P.O. Box 532, Yorktown, VA 23692, or Hospice Support Care (Hospice House), 4445 Powhatan Parkway, Williamsburg, VA 23185.

In Memoriam

James Albert Allen

James A. Allen, 59, died Sept. 28. Allen, a native of Jonesboro, Tenn., retired from NASA in 2001 after 29 years of service.

Kenneth W. "Rip" Crocker Sr.

Kenneth W. "Rip" Crocker Sr., 83, died Oct. 7. Crocker served in the U.S. Navy through World War II. He then joined NACA and spent 38 years in civil service before retiring from NASA in 1985.

Terry J. Fortin

Terry J. Fortin died at the age of 58 on Oct. 12. A native of Claremont, N.H., Fortin was a 21-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force and recently was employed at NCI Information Systems in the OCIO-Media Services Branch at Langley.

"I worked with Terry for the past 15 years," said Steve Whitlow, NCI Information Systems. "He was a hard worker and was honestly more like family than an employee. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him."

Leon "Donald" Hogge

Leon "Donald" Hogge, 69, died Oct. 11. Hogge was retired as an engineer from NASA and served as a member of the U.S. Air Force.

Mary Catlett Korycinski

Mary Catlett Korycinski, 78, died Oct. 2. Korycinski, a native of Hampton, worked for NACA and NASA as a secretary until her retirement in 1988, working her entire career in the Aeronautics Directorate.

William M. "Billy" Rollins Sr.

William M. "Billy" Rollins Sr., 76, died Oct. 6. A native and lifelong resident of Poquoson, Rollins spent 32 years as an Engineering Technician at Langley before retiring in 1976.

Robert S. "Bob" Swanson

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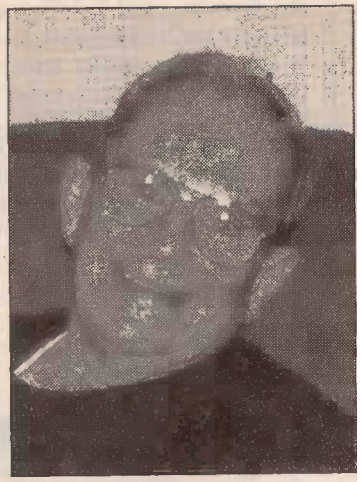

HAMPTON - William "Bill" Adkins, 76, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, Oct. 24, 2004, after a brief illness.

He was a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, and had been a Peninsula resident for 37 years. Bill was retired from NASA Langley Research Center and the United States Air Force. He was an active member in the Experimental Aircraft Association and the Commemorative Air Force. He was a member of Langley Air Force Base Chapel One and sang in the choir for 35 years.

A beloved father and grandfather, Bill is survived by his son, James Adkins and his wife, Donna, of Hampton; daughter, Mary Douglas and her husband, Ken, of Oklahoma; four grandchildren, Tori and Beth Adkins, Kevin and Amanda Douglas.

A service of remembrance will be conducted at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, at Parklawn-Wood Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive friends following the service.

Friends are encouraged to visit www.mem.com to share words of comfort with the family.

Arrangements are under the care of Parklawn-Wood Funeral Home, 2551 N. Armistead Ave., Hampton.

LYSLE P. PARLETT

HAYES - Lysle P. Parlett, 79, of Hayes, died Oct. 23, 2004, at his home. He was born in Baltimore and raised in Annapolis, Md.

During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army. After the war, he graduated from Worchester Polytechnic Institute with a degree in mechanical engineering. For almost 30 years, he worked for NASA at Langley Research Center in the Full Scale Wind Tunnel. After retirement, he enjoyed watching the river, sailing and baseball. He was known to others for his dry humor, quiet nature and preciseness.

Lysle was preceded in death by his wife of 41 years, Ann Wood Parlett.

He is survived by son, Robert, and daughter-in-law, Lynn, of Hayes; daughter, Caroline of Bena; and son, John Alexander, and daughter-in-law, Dolores, of Alice Springs, NT, Australia. He was known as Skippy to his grandchildren, Robyn and Jay Parlett of Hayes, who share their grandfather's love for sailing, and Jennifer "Jenny Renny" Parlett of Australia. He is also survived by a host of nephews and a niece.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Food Lion, Hayes; Suntrust Bank, Gloucester Point; Abingdon Volunteer Fire and Rescue, and Dr. Crowder for assisting in his independence and to Carolyn and Phyllis for their loving care.

A memorial service, conducted by the Rev. Earl Christian, will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 29, in the chapel of Hogg Funeral Home, Gloucester Point. Interment will be private. The family will receive friends immediately following the service.

In our dad's memory, memorial contributions may be made to the Abingdon Volunteer Fire and Rescue, P.O. Box 9, Bena, VA 23018.

RUPERT RAYMOND 'MONTY' MONAHAN

SEBRING, FLA. - Monty Monahan, 78, of Sebring, Fla., passed away Saturday, Oct. 30, 2004, in Sebring. He was born Nov. 15, 1925, to Raymond and Rosa Monahan in Richmond, Va., and had been a resident of Sebring since 1980, coming from Tabb, Va.

He was an electrician with NASA and was a POW veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army. He was a member of Florida Ex-POW Association, VFW, American Legion, Past Master Masonic Lodge 241 in Newport News, Va.; member of O.E.S. in Warwick, Va., and a member of Temple Baptist Church in Newport News, Va.

He is survived by his daughter, Julia "Judee" and Van VanBrookhaven of Seaford, Va., and grandson, James Roger Monahan Jr. of Newport News, Va.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Kitty, and son, James Roger Monahan.

Memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 5, at the Francis I Recreation Center in Sebring, the Rev. R.L. Polk officiating.

Cremation arrangements entrusted to Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, Sebring, Fla.

Memorial donations may be made to Life Path Hospice or charity of choice.

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In our dad's memory, memorial contributions may be made to the Abingdon Volunteer Fire and Rescue, P.O. Box 9, Bena, VA 23018.

IN MEMORIAM

William "Bill" Adkins

William "Bill" Adkins, 76, died Oct. 24. Adkins, a native of Cincinnati, was retired from Langley Research Center and the U.S. Air Force. He was an active member in the Experimental Aircraft Association and the Commemorative Air Force.

Lysle P. Parlett

Lysle P. Parlett, 79, died Oct. 23. A native of Baltimore, Parlett served in the U.S. Army during World War II. After the war, he spent almost 30 years working in the Full Scale Wind Tunnel at Langley Research Center.

John P. Tribble

John P. Tribble, 86, died Oct. 14. Tribble, a native of Chesapeake, was an Army veteran of World War II. After his military service, he returned to NACA and resumed his career in aviation and space research, retiring in 1979 after more than 40 years of federal Service.

Clyde L. Wray

Clyde L. Wray, 86, died Oct. 16. A native of Martinsville, Va., Wray spent 25 years at NASA as a manager for the Dynamic Model Shop.

PAUL CALVIN STAINBACK

GLOUCESTER POINT - Paul Calvin Stainback, age 78, died Nov. 2, 2004. Calvin graduated magna cum laude from Purdue University in Indiana and retired as a scientist from NASA. He was a veteran of World War II, having served in the U.S. Navy, and was a former Cub Scout leader, as well as past president and member of the Gem Mineral Society of Virginia. Calvin enjoyed many hobbies and was a history buff. He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul S. and Annie Phillips Stainback.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Barbara B. Stainback; son, Stephen "Keith" Stainback; brother, Sherwood Stainback; two sisters, Jane Moss and Grace Martin.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, at Hogg Funeral Home, Gloucester Point. Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday at Cedarwood Cemetery in Roanoke Rapids, N.C.

In his memory, should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to Abingdon Volunteer Fire and Rescue, P. O. Box 9, Bena, VA 23018.

SCOTT ATKINS SPENCER

YORK COUNTY - Scott Atkins Spencer, 35, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, Nov. 7, 2004.

A native of Newport News, he had been a lifelong Peninsula resident. He was employed at NASA for 16 years, most recently as a Information Technology Specialist. Scott was a 1987 graduate of Menchville High School and a 1989 graduate of Thomas Nelson Community College. He was also a 1993 graduate of the NASA Apprentice Program. Scott was an avid cyclist and sportsman.

Scott was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Willis and Roberta Spencer.

Survivors include his parents, Robert and Carolyn Spencer of York County; brother, Todd W. Spencer and wife, Joy, of Newport News; and maternal grandparents, Raymond and Ruth Wilson of Mathews.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 10, at Peninsula Funeral Home. A graveside service will be conducted at noon on Thursday in Peninsula Memorial Park, officiated by the Rev. John S. Dobson.

Memorial contributions may be made to the York County Fire and Rescue Squad, c/o Dept. of Public Safety, P.O. Box 532, 126 Ballard St., Yorktown, VA 23692.

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MARYLOU DUVAL SAWYER

HAMPTON - Marylou DuVal Sawyer, an award-winning local artist and a teacher, died Friday, Nov. 19, 2004, at home.

She is survived by her loving husband of 60 years, Richard Hall Sawyer; three daughters, Susan Sawyer Edmonson and her husband, Charles, of Hampton, Mary Sawyer Molineux and her husband, Will, of Williamsburg, and Ann Modena Sawyer of Hampton; and a son, Richard James Sawyer and his partner, Donald Lee Burns, of Washington, D.C. Also surviving are three grandchildren, Sarah DuVal Edmonson, David Keith Edmonson and Sally DuVal Stratton, all of Hampton; a sister, Ethel Stuart DuVal Kasbaum, and two nephews, John Kasbaum and his wife Janice, and David Kasbaum and his wife Julie, and their children, all of Houston, Texas.

Mrs. Sawyer, born in 1921 in Arvonia, Va., was the daughter of Ethel Hughes and Hunter McGuire DuVal. She graduated from Westhampton College at the University of Richmond. She worked for the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics and later taught elementary school and art in area schools for many years.

Mrs. Sawyer was active in many local arts organizations, volunteered in school and adult literacy programs, and was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Hampton.

A funeral service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23, at St. John's Episcopal Church, downtown Hampton, followed by inurnment in the church cemetery and a reception.

Memorial gifts may be made to The Hampton Arts League, 4205 Victoria Blvd., Hampton, VA 23669, or to a favorite charity.

R. Hayden Smith Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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FRED G. KELLAM JR.

NEWPORT NEWS - Fred G. Kellam Jr., 85 years old, husband of the late Madlyn Kellam and a lifetime resident of the Eastern Shore, entered into eternal peace on Nov. 20, 2004 in Newport News, Va. Mr. Kellam was a member of Broadway Baptist Church and retired from NASA.

He is survived by his children, Bonnie K. Marsh of New Jersey, Nicky W. Kellam and his wife, Diane, of Tennessee, and Gwendolyn K. Procise and her husband, Leon, of Newport News; eight grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

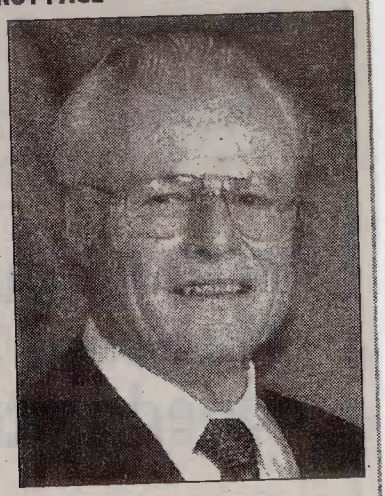
The family will receive visitors at the Williams Funeral Home in Onancock, Va., on Tuesday, Nov. 23, from 6 to 8 p.m. Graveside services will be conducted by the Rev. Bob Smoot of Broadway Baptist Church and the Rev. Bob Perry of Newport News at Hollies Baptist Church cemetery on Wednesday, Nov. 24, at 11 a.m.

Memorial donations may be made to the Broadway Baptist Church Memorial Fund, c/o Mrs. Aden Hundley, 15655 Cashville Road, Onancock, VA 23417.

Memory Tributes may be sent to the family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements by Williams Funeral Home.

WILLIAM ROY PAGE



POQUOSON - William Roy Page, 77, a native of Poquoson, passed away Sunday, Nov. 21, 2004, at home. He lived in Hampton from 1950 until 1982, after which he moved back to Poquoson.

Roy retired in 1986 from N.A.S.A. as an Engineering Technician after 40 years. He was a member of Memorial Baptist Church, Hampton, where he was a life deacon and served in many aspects of church organization. He was active in the Peninsula Baptist Association; a member of the Peninsula South Gideons International; and was a WWII Navy veteran.

Roy was preceded in death by his parents, Bertie Dryden and John Alden Page.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Betty E. Page; one son, John E. "Eddie" Page and wife, Christine, of Alexandria, Va.; two daughters, Deborah P. Poole and husband, Greg, of Neptune Beach, Fla., and Carolyn P. Harju and husband, Gregory, of Hampton; six grandchildren, Michael and Christopher Page, Sterling and Gregory Poole, and Sharolyn and Chad Harju; one sister, Alice Page Shields and husband, Norman, of Newport News; and his beloved uncle, Dr. J. S. Dryden of Punta Gorda, Fla.

The family will receive friends 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at Claytor Rollins Funeral Home, and other times at the residence. A funeral service will be held 2 p.m. Saturday at Memorial Baptist Church by the Rev. Wayne Harrison. Burial will follow at Peninsula Memorial Park, Newport News.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Kruger and his staff, Personal Touch Hospice Care, and a special family friend Linda, for their care and concern.

Memorial contributions may be made to Memorial Baptist Church, the Peninsula South Gideons International, the Peninsula Baptist Association, or the Poquoson Rescue Squad.

Rupert Raymond "Monty" Monahan

Rupert Raymond "Monty" Monahan, 78, died Oct. 30. Before moving to Sebring, Fla., in 1980, Monahan worked as an electrician on the Meteoroid and Impact Simulator (MIMS) project and was a POW veteran of WWII (U.S. Army).

Edward George Smith

Edward George Smith, 46, died Oct. 27. Born in Hampton, Smith worked at Newport News Shipbuilding, EG&G Contractors, and NASA before starting his business, Beacon Electrical Support.

Scott Atkins Spencer

Scott Atkins Spencer, 35, died Nov. 7. A native of Newport News, he was employed at Langley Research Center for 16 years, most recently as an Information Technology Specialist. Spencer was also a 1993 graduate of the NASA Apprentice Program.

"Scott was, without a doubt, the most dependable person in my organization," said Michael Chapman, head of the Data Acquisition and Data Quality Team. "You could ask Scott to do anything, and rest assured that it would be done right the first time. Scott was well liked by everyone, and he was a model employee. And he was just as passionate about our Data Acquisition Systems (DAS) Development Lab as he was about his cycling. Thanks to his efforts, the DAS Lab is a LaRC showcase for new product development and customer demonstrations. If you knew Scott, you knew that he had a big heart and a kind spirit. He was a strong contributor to our mission, and his presence will be profoundly missed."

James Robert "Bob" Williams Sr.

James Robert "Bob" Williams Sr., 52, died Oct. 28. Williams came to Langley Research Center in 1985 and worked as a communications specialist in ODIN for the past 19 years. He was employed by Lockheed Martin Government Services.

"Bob's many years of dedication to Langley will be greatly missed by all," said Harvey Murray, ODIN telecommunications manager.

JOHN G. KENNEY SR.

POQUOSON - John G. Kenney Sr., 93, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2004.

Raised in Newport News, he graduated from the Newport News Shipbuilding Apprentice School and was then recruited to work at the Naval Gun Factory in Washington, D.C. After serving in WWII in the Marine Corps., he began work at N.A.S.A. and retired after 47 years there.

Mr. Kenney was preceded in death by his parents, Jean and James Kenney, and his wife of 55 years, Irella S. Kenney.

He is survived by his son, John G. Kenney Jr. and wife, Sylvia; two grandchildren, James G. Kenney and Joyce A. "Sissie" Kenney Norman and husband, Chris; and four great-grandchildren, Jennifer Norman, Jared Tyler, James Cassidy and Donald Everette.

The family will receive friends 7 to 8 p.m. tonight at Claytor Rollins Funeral Home, and other times at 4 Westover Drive. A graveside service will be held 1 p.m. Friday at Peninsula Memorial Park, Newport News, by the Rev. James D. Thomas.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Poquoson Rescue Squad, 830 Poquoson Ave., Poquoson, VA 23662.

ROBERT JEFFREY WALLIS

POQUOSON - Robert Jeffrey Wallis, 49, of Poquoson, Va., passed away suddenly on Sunday, Nov. 14, 2004.

He was born Sept. 17, 1955, in Newport News, and graduated from Ferguson High School in 1973. He graduated with a degree in civil engineering from Virginia Tech in 1977 where he marched and played saxophone for the Highty Tighty Regimental Marching Band and was active with Alpha Phi Omega. Bobby, as his family and friends knew him, was a Professional Engineer at NASA for 24 years, most recently as Safety Head of the 8-ft High Temperature Tunnel.

Bobby, an Eagle Scout, was active lifelong in scouting, traveling to Philmont Scout Reservation three times (first with his brother, later with his oldest son, and just last year with his younger sons) and also earned his Wood Badge beads. He was active in the Order of the Arrow, Wisomico Chapter of the Wahunsenakah Lodge. He was awarded the Vigil honor and was given the name Maniton Aney, meaning "maker of paths." Most recently, Bobby was Scoutmaster of Troop 28, and received the James E. West Fellowship Award from the Colonial Virginia Council.

Bobby was an active member of Peninsula Community Chapel. His family, friends and neighbors knew well his ability to fix anything and everything, an ability passed on from his Dad. He considered this to be a gift from God to be used for others. Bobby was happiest when doing for others, as his mother taught him, be it his wife, family, or friends, and was selfless in his own needs.

Bobby's love for his friends and family was shared through boating, RVing, visiting friends, and family time at Lake Gaston.

Bobby is survived by his wife, Renata; son and daughter-in-law, Adam and Stephanie; daughter, Erin; sons, Shawn and Tyler; his mother, Rachel Wallis; and siblings and their spouses, Jim and Martha Wallis, Doug and Pam Garson, Elizabeth and Jimmie Massie, and Linda and Greg Reisch; and 12 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, James Wallis, and sister, Barbara Garson.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. today at Peninsula Community Chapel, 4209 Big Bethel Road, Yorktown.

Renata and family greatly appreciate the many expressions of love at this time.

To honor Bobby, the family has asked that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the Peninsula Community Chapel Building Fund in memory of Bobby Wallis, sent to Peninsula Community Chapel, 4209 Big Bethel Road, Yorktown, VA 23693.

Arrangements by Claytor Rollins Funeral Home.

In Memoriam

Thomas D. Carpini

Thomas Delli Carpini died on Dec. 23, 2003, at the age of 83. Carpini, a native of Teano, Italy, worked for the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA) and NASA from 1942 to 1980.

Irene P. Christian

Irene Poteat Christian died on Jan. 4 at the age of 84. Christian, a native of Morganton, N.C., worked as a mathematician for the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA) and NASA.

Harold Crate

Harold Crate died on Jan. 15 at the age of 87. Crate, a native of Mokena, Ill., worked at Langley Research Center for 32 years and was instrumental in establishing tracking stations for the Mercury program. He retired in 1974 as head of the Mechanical Design Branch.

Robert B. Forrest

Robert B. Forrest died on Jan. 17 at the age of 76. Forrest, a native of Elizabeth City County (Hampton), served in the Merchant Marines during World War II. He went on to work for more than 30 years at Langley Research Center, where was instrumental in providing mechanical support for the original Mercury astronauts during their training at Langley. He retired in 1986 as head of the Operations Support Division.

Martin Gracey

Martin Gracey died on Jan. 15 at the age of 87. Gracey, a native of Belfast, Northern Ireland, served as a flight instructor for the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and later managed pilot training contracts for the U.S. Air Force at bases in Florida, Georgia, Mississippi and Texas.

Gracey also managed support services contracts for NASA at Johnson Space Center, Langley Research Center and Wallops Island. He retired as a partner in Klate Holt Co., a support services contractor for Langley.

Iberta M. Insley

Iberta Murray Insley died on Jan. 16 at the age of 82. Insley, a native of Springfield, N.Y, was a NASA retiree.

Cadd T. Moore Jr.

Cadd Thomas "Tom" Moore Jr. died on Jan. 17 at the age of 68. Moore, a native of Norfolk, worked as an engineer at Langley Research Center from 1961 to 1995.

Henry G. Smith Jr.

Henry G. Smith Jr. died on Jan. 14 at the age of 91. Smith, a native of Society Hill, S.C., worked at Kennedy Space Center for 15 years, first on the construction of the Vehicle Assembly Building and, in his final assignment, as project manager on the construction of the space shuttle runway. He retired to Williamsburg in 1985.

JOHN C. McFALL JR.

HAMPTON - John C. McFall Jr., retired NASA Aeronautical Research Engineer, died Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2004, in Williamsburg Community Hospital. He was 78.

He was born in rural Florence, Ala., on Oct. 16, 1925, the son of John C. and Vera McFall.

Upon graduation from high school in 1943, he volunteered for naval flight school and was a Navy Pilot in training when WWII ended.

After the war he attended the University of Alabama receiving a Bachelor's Degree in Aeronautical Engineering.

He began his career in Hampton at NASA-Langley Research Center in 1948 when NASA was still known as N.A.C.A. (National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics).

His division worked more in a technical than administrative capacity, devising and carrying out experimental flight test techniques with aircraft and spacecraft.

His projects included recognition for the development of the underwater location transmitter now used on commercial aircraft flight data and voice recorders and in the 1970's originating and developing the parachute system used in the two successful Viking landings on Mars.

During his 33 years at NASA his programs also included both oceanographic and environmental research.

After serving on loan from NASA to the National Science Foundation in Washington, D.C., as program manager for technology transfer he retired to Williamsburg in 1981.

During retirement he was associated with the Royal Aeronautical Society from 1981-1985 as technical Liaison with data users and then enjoyed working for seven years with Colonial Williamsburg as a Historical Interpreter.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Mabel T. McFall; sisters, Lois Berdan and Helen Hawk of Lenoir City, Tenn.; and two sons, John C. McFall III and James R. McFall.

A private burial service will be held at Parklawn Memorial Park in Hampton.

The family request memorial donations be made to local Alzheimer's Association Offices.

Arrangements are under the care of Parklawn-Wood Funeral Home, 2551 N. Armistead Ave., Hampton.

JANE ELLEN WILES DREHER

YORKTOWN - Jane Ellen Wiles Dreher, 72, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 1, 2004.

Mrs. Dreher was a native of Anderson County, S.C., and a Peninsula resident since 1952. She worked as a mathematician at N.A.C.A. from 1952 to 1962. She was an active member of the Yorkminster Presbyterian Church, a Sunday school teacher and member of Presbyterian Women.

She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother and is survived by her loving husband of 45 years, Robert C. Dreher; two daughters, Karen Carter of Yorktown and Kathryn Moore and her husband, David, of Poquoson; a sister, Josephine Johnson and her husband, Karl, of Clemson, S.C.; four grandchildren, Chelsea Marie Carter, Ryan Dreher Carter, Travis Robert Moore and Tyler Grayson Moore.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 3, in Parklawn Memorial Park by Revs. Jenny and Feild Russell. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Yorkminster Presbyterian Church.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, #20 Interstate Corporate Center, Suite 233, Norfolk, VA 23502.

IN MEMORIAM

Willie Kearney Jr.

Willie Kearney Jr., 83, died Nov. 7. He retired with 45 years of service as a civil service worker at Fort Monroe. He also retired as a part-time worker from Langley Research Center. Kearney was a WWII veteran where he served in Europe and the South Pacific.

Phyllis A. Fauntleroy Owens

Phyllis A. Fauntleroy Owens, 57, died Nov. 3. A native of Newport News, she worked for ARC, a NASA contractor, as an administrative assistant for 25 years.

Paul Calvin Stainback

Paul Calvin Stainback, 78, died Nov. 2. A retired scientist from NASA. Stainback also served in the U.S. Navy in WWII.

Robert Jeffrey Wallis

Robert "Bobby" Jeffrey Wallis, 49, died Nov. 14. A native of Newport News, Wallis graduated with a degree in civil engineering from Virginia Tech in 1977.

Wallis was a professional engineer at Langley Research Center for 24 years. He worked for most of his career in the Langley Facilities Engineering Division. In 2001, he transferred to the 8-ft High Temperature Tunnel where he served as the Facility Safety Head. During his tenure at the 8-ft High Temperature Tunnel, the facility successfully completed two entries of the Office of Naval Research HyFly program's Dual Combustor Ramjet Engine, two entries of the Joint DOD / JDA separable missile nose cone test, several Thermal Protection System Tests, and numerous facility enhancement tests.

"Even among NASA engineers, Bobby's ability to fix anything was special," said Steve Harvin (Experiment Research Service Leadership), a co-worker of Wallis. "Bobby always offered a calm patient ear for the facility staff. He provided sound engineering judgment, a genuine concern for the safety and well-being of others, and a great attitude. Bobby will be sorely missed at NASA."

IN MEMORIAM

John T. Dukes Jr.

John T. Dukes Jr., 91, died Nov. 24. A native of Bishopville, Md., he served for 23 years in the U.S. Coast Guard and worked for NASA for 33 years.

Keith Goodson Sr.

Keith Goodson Sr., 69, died Nov. 28. A lifelong resident of Poquoson, Goodson retired from NASA in 1981 as an electrical engineer after 27 years of service.

Fred G. Kellam Jr.

Fred G. Kellam Jr., 85, died Nov. 20. A lifetime resident of the Eastern Shore, Kellam was retired from NASA.

Robert "Bob" Stanley Sommers

Robert "Bob" Stanley Sommers, 83, died Dec. 6. Sommers was a Navy veteran of WWII. He retired in 1976 from NASA as a structural engineer with 28 years of service. At NASA, he worked on Project Mercury and worked closely with the seven original astronauts.

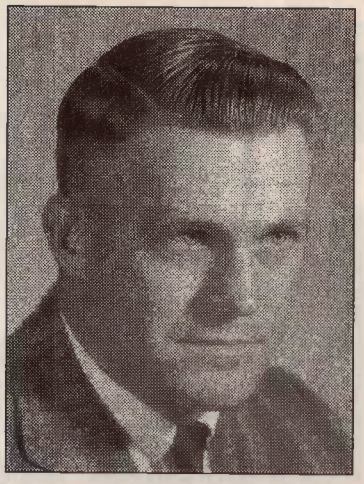
Youth sports founder Keith Goodson Sr. dies

DAILY PRESS

POQUOSON – Keith Goodson Sr., who co-founded the Back River Youth Sports Association with his wife, Indiana, died Sunday. He was 69.

A native and lifelong resident of Poquoson, Mr. Goodson attended VPI, serving in the Corps of Cadets, and retired from NASA in 1981 as an electrical engineer after 27 years. Mr. Goodson also played in the Pittsburgh Pirates minor league baseball organization as well as with Fox Hill Fastpitch Softball for 17 years.

Mr. Goodson was involved in the development of the rules and bylaws of the Peninsula Youth Football Association and was recently honored by the association on Nov. 20 during the Peninsula Youth Football Association



Super Bowl games for his dedication and commitment to youth sports. While Mr. Goodson was unable to attend, members of his family accepted the plaque on his behalf.

"He was always about the kids," said Eva Williamson, co-commissioner of the Peninsula Youth Football Association, "His legacy will live on for a long time."

Mr. Goodson was one of the founders of the Back River Youth Sports Association, a football and cheerleading association created in 1994. The association is also involved in helping with donations for all youth sports in Poquoson.

"He was always kind hearted," said his son, Keke Goodson. "He was the best friend I ever had."

In addition to his work with youth sports in Poquoson, Mr. Goodson was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and its George W. Amos Men's Chorus.

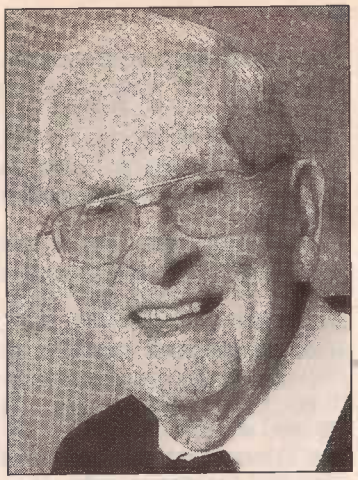
Mr. Goodson was preceded in death by his parents, Edith and Elmer Goodson Sr.

Mr. Goodson is survived by his wife of 48 years, Indiana Goodson; his children, Keith Goodson Jr. and wife, Dana, and their sons, Greg and Derek, Tim Goodson and wife, Charlene, and their daughters, Candice and Christa, Edie McConnell and husband, John, and their sons, Michael and Tee, and Todd Goodson; one brother, Elmer Lee Goodson Jr.; and one sister, Jane Hendricks.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. tonight at Claytor Rollins Funeral Home and other times at the residence, 41 Bunting Lane. A funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Trinity United Methodist Church by the Rev. James D. Thomas. Burial will be private.

Contributions may be made to Back River Youth Sports, P.O. Box 2377, Poquoson, VA 23662.

ROBERT 'BOB' STANLEY SOMMERS



SMITHFIELD - Robert "Bob" Stanley Sommers, age 83, died Monday, Dec. 6, 2004, in a Richmond hospital.

A native of Newport News, Bob had been a Smithfield resident since 1971. He was a 1938 graduate of Newport News High School and a 1944 graduate of Newport News Apprentice School. Bob was a Navy veteran of WWII. He retired in 1976 from NASA as a structural engineer with 28 years of service. At NASA, he worked on Project Mercury and worked closely with the seven original astronauts.

He was an active member of Trinity United Methodist Church. Bob was active in the civic activities of Smithfield and Isle of Wight Co., including past president of Smithfield German Club and past Grand Master of Smithfield Masonic Lodge #18 in Smithfield and Isle of Wight.

As a local owner and restorer of a collection of rare antique cars, Bob was a member of the Old Dominion Packard Club and the Historic Virginia-Peninsula Region of AACA. He served as past treasurer of The Mended Hearts, Inc., Chapter #119, Newport News.

His first wife, Geraldine "Gerry" Wood Sommers, preceded Mr. Sommers in death.

Survivors include wife, Augusta "Gussie" Williams Stewart Sommers; two daughters, Kathryn R. Sims and her husband, Fred, of Manassas and Carol S. Page and her husband, Donald, of Duluth, Ga.; stepdaughter, Sally S. Ericksen and her husband, Bill, of Fernandina Beach, Fla.; brother, Edward D. Sommers and his wife, Marilda, of Richmond; three grandchildren, Jennifer Pfeifer and her husband, Holger, of Duluth, Ga., Michael Kevin Sims and his fiancée, Doreen Ruffin, of Centerville and Robert Page and his fiancée, Heather Eckman, of Atlanta, Ga.; stepgrandchildren, Todd Ericksen and his wife, Shayna, of Fernandina Beach, Fla., and Amy Saegert and her husband, Kevin, Jacksonville, Fla.; seven great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, in Trinity United Methodist Church, Smithfield, with the Rev. Will Montgomery and the Rev. C. Leon Basham officiating, followed by a reception in the church's family life center. Burial will take place at 2 p.m. in Peninsula Memorial Park, Newport News. The family will receive friends from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8, in Colonial Funeral Home, Smithfield, and at other times in the home.

The family suggests memorials take the form of contributions to Trinity United Methodist Church, Building Fund, 201 Cedar St., Smithfield, VA 23430, or AED Unit Fund, Mended Hearts Chapter #119, c/o Riverside Regional Medical Center, 500 J. Clyde Morris Blvd., Newport News, VA 23601.

Colonial Funeral Home, Smithfield, is handling arrangements.

ETHEL SMITH BEAMON

HAMPTON - Ethel Smith Beamon was our gift from the Lord until Dec. 22, 2004. A longtime resident of Hampton, she was a lifelong member and served on the Board of Trustees of East Hampton United Methodist Church where she was also President of the Women's Society Christian Service, an officer in the United Methodist Women, a member and officer in the Pine Cone Garden Club, and active in NASA retirees.

Ethel was preceded in death by her husband, William Earl Beamon, her parents, Edgar and Lucy Smith, one brother, Earlie Smith.

She leaves to cherish her memories one son, James L. Beamon; one daughter, Betty Beamon Mayo, and her husband, Mike; two sisters, Mabel S. Dalton, Nellie S. Price; four nieces, JoAnn Smith Allen, Donna L. Price, Pat Williams, Candi Champine; two nephews, Rick Price, Randy Price; two grandchildren, Rusty Mayo, Carolyn Mayo Simpson; three great-grandchildren, Rachel Dare Everett, Jessie Lauren Mayo, Kylee Ann Simpson.

A life celebration service for Ethel will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 26, at Parklawn-Wood Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Ed Merry will officiate. Burial will follow in Parklawn Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 26, prior to the funeral service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the East Hampton United Methodist Church.

Friends are encouraged to visit www.mem.com to share words of comfort with the family.

Arrangements are under the care of Parklawn-Wood Funeral Home, 2551 North Armistead Avenue, Hampton.

FRANCES BLUNT RAINE

RICHMOND - Frances Blunt Raine died Thursday, Dec. 30, 2004, at her home.

Born in Louisville, Ky., on May 11, 1935, she was the daughter of Peter Woodward Allen Raine and Edith Virginia Moore Raine. She moved with her family to Newport News in 1940. She graduated from Newport News High School in 1953 and graduated from Longwood College in the class of 1957. She received her master's in secondary education from the University of Virginia in 1971.

Her teaching career began in Newport News. She then spent four years at NASA before returning to teaching in Henrico County at Tuckahoe Middle School and finally Douglas S. Freeman High School. In all, her teaching spanned 35 years.

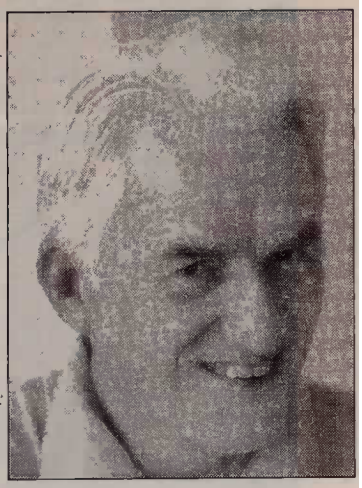
She was a member of Third Presbyterian Church, Nathaniel Bacon Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Huguenot Society of the Founders of Manakin. She was a 50-year member of Zeta Tau Alpha National Women's Fraternity, Ginter Park Woman's Club, Tuckahoe Woman's Club, The Book Club and a bridge/support group.

Survivors include her sister and brother-in-law, Wirtley and Douglas Anderson of Miami, Fla.; and her sister, Edith Raine Fenick of Richmond. Also surviving are nephews, John Douglas Anderson and his wife, Christy, of Boca Raton, Fla., and Michael Allen Scott Anderson of Miami, Fla.; nieces, Wendy Hoffhines and her husband, Rob, of Chicago, Michele Raine Fenick, Melissa Irving and Melinda Fenick, all of Richmond; great-nieces, Megan and Beth Hoffhines of Chicago; and great-nephews, Nicholas Eitner Anderson and John Raine Anderson.

The family received friends 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 1, 2005, at Bennett Funeral Home, 3215 Cutshaw Ave. A memorial service will be held 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 2, 2005, at Third Presbyterian Church, 600 Forest Ave. Interment private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Douglas Freeman High School's Scholarship Fund.

FRANCIS EDWARD 'BO' McLEAN



YORKTOWN - Francis Edward "Bo" McLean, 80, a resident of Yorktown, Va., died at home on Dec. 28, 2004, after a lengthy illness.

He was preceded in death by his parents, the Reverend Charles Edward and Lucille Bowdon McLean, and a brother, Charles Richard McLean.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Amanda Wilder McLean; daughter, Nancy Edwards of Eden, N.C., her husband, Ben, and their daughters, Amanda Bacon and Claire Edwards; son, Chuck McLean of Yorktown, his wife, Regan, and their daughters, Caitlin and Hannah; daughter, Anne Hess of Bluefield, W.Va., her husband, Steve, their daughters, Stephanie and Ashley, and grandchild, Michael; and son, Stuart of Huntingtown, Md., his wife, Liz, and their children, Callie, Andrew, and Emily.

He is also survived by brothers, Jim McLean of Atlanta, Ga., and Paul McLean of Dallas, Texas; and sisters, Ruth Turner of Dallas, Texas, Julia Williams of Richmond, Va., and Margaret Truly of Dulac, La.

A veteran of World War II and a graduate of Louisiana Tech in Ruston, La., Bo went to work for NASA (then the National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics) as an aerospace engineer in 1948. He was involved in supersonic research from that time until his retirement in 1978. He was a technical advisor in the Federal Aviation Administration's SST evaluation and was a NASA representative to the U.S. Air Force during the development of the F-15 fighter aircraft. He was an original member of the Supersonic Cruise Research Program at NASA's Langley Research Center and served as head of that office at his retirement, receiving NASA's Exceptional Service Medal. After retirement, he was commissioned by the US Congress to write a book documenting the history of supersonic research and technology.

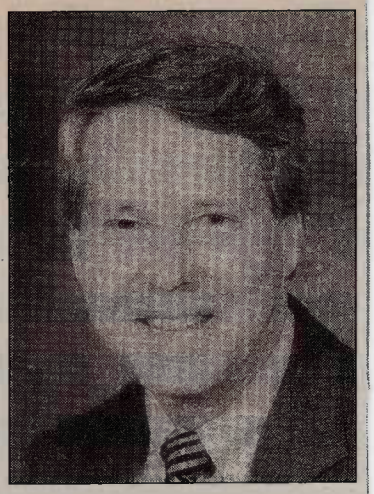
Bo was an active member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church of Yorktown, serving as its financial secretary for many years. He also enjoyed golf and being a member of a legendary poker club of many years standing. The family wishes to thank his devoted caregivers: Rosetta Crawley, Diane Malker, Jackie Johnson, Idelle Smith, and Alex Weston. Thanks also to the Bon Secours hospice program and to Drs. Rives Bailey and Hawes Campbell III.

His life will be celebrated at St. Luke's on Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2005, at 3 p.m. A reception will be held in the church fellowship hall following the service.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to St. Luke's UMC, 300 Ella Taylor Road, Yorktown, VA 23692.

Arrangements by Berceuse Funeral and Cremation Traditions.

EDWIN P. RIDDLE



WILLIAMSBURG - Edwin (Ed) P. Riddle, 65, died of prostate cancer at home in the care of his family and with the support of hospice on Friday, Dec. 31, 2004.

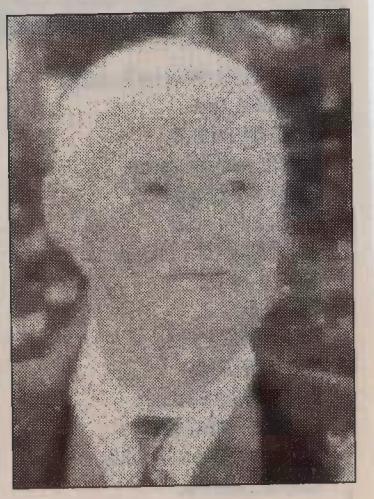
After growing up in Arlington, he lived on the Peninsula for 41 years. He graduated from Washington-Lee High School (Arlington) and the University of Virginia, where he was elected to engineering honor societies Tau Beta Pi and Eta Kappa Nu. He spent 36 years working at NASA Langley Research Center, before retiring in 1999. His last position was Communications and Networks Branch Head. Ed was well-known in Peninsula tennis circles, especially as a member of Hilton Tennis Club. He enjoyed woodworking as a hobby and built many pieces of furniture.

He is survived by Marilyn, his wife of 39 years. In addition, Ed is survived by his four children, Brian Riddle of Hampton, Kevin (and wife Karen) Riddle of Charlottesville, Lisa Riddle of Williamsburg, and Craig Riddle of Roanoke. His brother, Roger Riddle, and sister, Norma Riddle, also survive.

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2005, at Altmeyer Funeral Home, Denbigh Chapel, 12893 Jefferson Ave., Newport News. Dr. Kirk Mariner and Rev. David Rochford will conduct. Interment will follow at Cedar Grove Cemetery in Williamsburg. Immediately afterward, a reception and visitation will follow at Williamsburg United Methodist Church, 514 Jamestown Road.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions can be made to: Hospice Support Care of Williamsburg, 4445 Powhatan Parkway, Williamsburg, VA 23188, or the Building Fund, Williamsburg United Methodist Church, 514 Jamestown Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185.

MAURICE FRANKLIN ARMISTEAD



HAMPTON - Maurice Franklin Armistead, 80, passed away on Dec. 31, 2004, at Sentara Careplex with his family by his side. He was born in Mathews to the late J. Elma and Sadie Armistead and was a resident of Hampton for over 50 years.

He was an Engineer with NACA/NASA and retired after 30 years of service. He enjoyed playing golf and passed that love onto his granddaughter, Jessica.

Mr. Armistead was preceded in death by his wife of 34 years, Inez H. Armistead.

He is survived by his daughter, Kathy A. Robinson and her husband, David, of Smithfield; his son, Michael A. Armistead and his wife, Kim, of King George; one sister, Doris Rowe of Gloucester; three grandchildren, Michael, Jessica and Marshall Robinson, all of Smithfield, all of whom loved him dearly.

A funeral service will be conducted 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2005, at the Parklawn-Wood Funeral Home Chapel with the burial following later in the afternoon at St. Paul's Cemetery, Susan, Va. The family will receive friends from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2005, at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to your local American Lung Association.

Arrangements are under the care of Parklawn-Wood Funeral Home, 2551 N. Armistead Ave., Hampton.

BARBARA B. HEIMERL

NEWPORT NEWS - Barbara Brown Heimerl, born Barbara Robertson Brown on Oct. 10, 1917, in Newport News, Va., passed to eternal rest on Dec. 24, 2004, at the Newport Convalescent Center in Newport News. Barbara was the daughter of Robert Brown of Newry, Northern Ireland, and Barbara Sword Robertson of Grenock, Scotland. She was a lifelong resident of the Peninsula.

She attended Newport News High School, Randolph Macon Women's College and The College of William and Mary, where she was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society and Salutatorian of the class of 1939. While in Williamsburg, she sang in the William and Mary Choir and the Bruton Parish Choir, and worked for the Dean of Women, before finding employment with Colonial Williamsburg — which was then known as "The Restoration."

Barbara attended graduate school at Columbia University in New York City, and returned to the Peninsula, where she joined NACA Langley as a Technical Editor for eight years, after which she retired to become a homemaker and mother.

Her interests included bird watching, organic gardening and investing. She was a strong supporter of the consumer rights and environmental protection movements, and a lifetime member of the Virginia Society of Ornithologists. She was also a member of the Hampton Roads Bird Club, the National Wildlife Society and the Nature Conservancy of Virginia. She was an active supporter of arts and education as well, as a member of the President's Council of The College of William and Mary, and a frequent contributor to The Mariners' Museum and WHRO. Barbara was an active member of Yorkminster Presbyterian Church in Grafton for many years where she participated in Circle #5 and the Golden Saints program. She was also a member of the Yorktown Women's Club and a costumed hostess during the 1981 Yorktown Bicentennial Celebration.

Barbara was preceded in death by her husband, George J. Heimerl of Yorktown, and is survived by her sons, Robert G. Heimerl of Arlington, Va., and John J. Heimerl and his wife, Nora Lynn Heimerl, of Suffolk; her granddaughter by marriage, Tracy Dixon; nephew, Stephen Robertson of Myrtle Beach, N.C.; her niece, Libby Brown of Richmond; and cousins, Rhona Strachan of Belfast, Northern Ireland, her son, Alistar, and daughter, Elizabeth.

A service in celebration of her life will be held at Weymouth Funeral Home at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, 2005, the Reverend Dr. John Sadler presiding, followed by private interment at Parklawn Memorial Park in Hampton, Va.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Virginia Living Museum, The Mariners' Museum, or the Nature Conservancy of Virginia.

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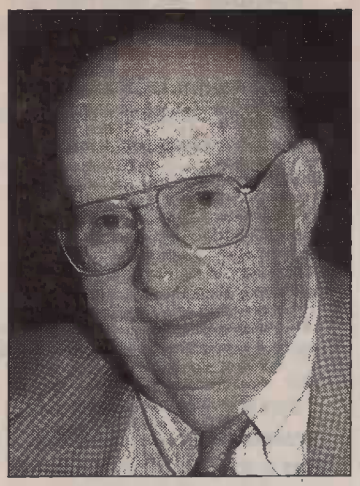
EVERETT SMEDLEY 'BROWNIE' BROWNE



SMITHFIELD – CMSgt Everett Smedley "Brownie" Browne, U.S. Air Force, retired, age 86, died Sunday, Jan. 2, 2005, in Obici Hospital.

He was a native of Wilmington, Del. He was a 20-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force and served during World War II, the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War. During World War II, he crewed 817 hours in B-17's and then crewed 14,800 hours in B-29's and B-50's on various missions including testing Loran and Navigating systems over the North Pole. After retiring from the Air Force, he worked 20 years at NASA working on such projects as the Lunar Lander and as a test car driver for diagonal braking systems before retiring in 1982. He was a member of the Smithfield Masonic Lodge and was very active as a Boy Scout Leader for many years.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Grace Browne; two sons, Tom Brown and his wife, Sharon, and Tim Brown and his fiancée, Wendy; five grandchildren, Tom Brown II, Michelle Brown-Gastreich, Timothy S. Brown, Spencer Snyder and Ashley Thompson; three great-grandchildren, Nicole Brown, Alec Gastreich and Savannah Gastreich.

A graveside service with Masonic and Military Rites will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7, at St. Luke's Memorial Park, Smithfield, with Dr. Donald R. Rhoton officiating. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 6, in Colonial Funeral Home, Smithfield.

ROY JACOBS

HAMPTON - Roy H. Jacobs passed away on Thursday, Jan. 20, 2005. Roy was born on March 19, 1913, in Hurt, Va. He was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Charlotte Thompson Jacobs.

Left to cherish his memory are two sons, Kenneth Jacobs and his wife, Connie, of Seaford and Paul Jacobs of Hampton; two grandchildren, Ann Vinson and her husband, Scott, of Williamsburg and Brian Jacobs and his wife, Stacey, of Tacoma, Wash. He also delighted in his great grandson, Clayton Vinson of Williamsburg.

Most of his life in Hampton was spent as an engineering technician at NASA, retiring in 1973. He was a long time member of Langley Baptist Church in Hampton.

A graveside service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, at Parklawn Memorial Park by Pastor Judd Nuckols. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday at R. Hayden Smith Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Salvation Army, P.O. Box 7529, Hampton, VA 23666.

JANE P. WEATHERWAX

NEWPORT NEWS - Jane Perry Weatherwax, 82, of Newport News, Va., died Wednesday morning, Jan. 12, 2005, at her home. Mrs. Weatherwax was born Nov. 21, 1922, in Wadesboro, N.C., and grew up in North Wilkesboro, N.C., where she graduated from high school and was a member of the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church. She was preceded in death by her father, Thomas Gray ("TG") Perry and her mother, Grace Grabs Perry.

She graduated from Salem College, Winston-Salem, N.C., with a degree in Mathematics in 1943. She went to work at NACA (National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics) in Hampton after graduation. She was an active member of the Newport News Women's Club, the Newport News Home Demonstration Club, the Bridge Club formed during the war which is still active, a Cub Scout Den mother and a Girl Scout supporter. She also taught home-bound students for many years for the Newport News Public Schools.

She was an early member of the Hidenwood Presbyterian Church. Jane was a cancer survivor for over 11 years and lived an active, full and complete life, including a wonderful extended visit to Hawaii with her husband in 2002. Jane was in good health and spirits until the very end.

She is survived by her husband, Philip E. Weatherwax, of Newport News; her daughter, Ann Gray Weatherwax and Ann's husband, Timothy M. Britt, of West Jefferson, N.C.; and her two sons, Don P. Weatherwax and Thomas W. Weatherwax, both of Newport News.

Visitation will be from 2 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, in W. J. Smith & Son Funeral Home. The family will also receive friends immediately following the service on Monday at the church.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 17, in Hidenwood Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Dr. Augusta "Miki" B. Vanderbilt officiating. Burial will be private.

Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 895 Middle Ground Blvd., Suite 154, Newport News, VA 23606, or Hidenwood Presbyterian Church, 414 Hiden Blvd., Newport News, VA 23606, or the Salem College Alumni Fund, 601 S. Church Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27108.

Arrangements by W. J. Smith & Son Funeral Home.

Maurice Franklin Armistead

Maurice Franklin Armistead, 80, died Dec. 31, 2004. A resident of Hampton for over 50 years, Armistead was an engineer with NACA/NASA and retired after 30 years of service.

Ethel Smith Beamon

Ethel Smith Beamon died Dec. 22, 2004. A longtime resident of Hampton, she was an active NASA retiree.

Everett Smedley "Brownie" Browne

Chief Master Sgt. Everett Smedley "Brownie" Browne, 86, died Jan. 2. A 20-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force, Browne served during World War II, the Korean conflict and the Vietnam War. After retiring from the Air Force, he worked for 20 years at NASA working on such projects as the Lunar Lander and as a test car driver for diagonal braking systems before retiring in 1982.

Jack Hudson Dysart

Jack Hudson Dysart, 79, died Jan. 2. Dysart retired after 21 years in the U.S. Navy and then retired as a quality control engineer with Langley Research Center.

Ralph May Jr.

Ralph May Jr., 82, died Dec. 10, 2004. A longtime resident of Fairfax County, May began his career as a staff member of NACA. He joined the agency in 1944, before spending two years in the Army. After his military service, he resumed his career as an aeronautical engineer, focusing on wing design for military and commercial aircraft. He transferred to the Washington area in 1951.

May helped design helicopters and, after NASA was created in 1958, helped develop spacecraft. He worked on programs involving heat during atmospheric reentry, environmental effects in space and the landing and retrieval of spacecraft. Several of his projects resulted in space vehicles of the 1960s and '70s.

May was the program manager for experimental rocket launches. He received many commendations from NASA for his contributions to the Apollo and space shuttle programs. He retired from NASA in 1981.

Francis Edward "Bo" McLean

Francis Edward "Bo" McLean, 80, died Dec. 28, 2004. A veteran of World War II and a graduate of Louisiana Tech in Ruston, La., McLean went to work for NASA (then NACA) as an aerospace engineer in 1948. He was involved in supersonic research from that time until his retirement in 1978. He was a technical advisor in the Federal Aviation Administration's SST evaluation and was a NASA representative to the U.S. Air Force during the development of the F-15 fighter aircraft.

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Frances Blunt Raine

Frances Blunt Raine, 69, died Dec. 30, 2004. After moving to Newport News in 1940, Raine spent four years at NASA before continuing her teaching career of 35 years.

Edwin "Ed" P. Riddle

Edwin "Ed" P. Riddle, 65, died Dec. 31, 2004. After growing up in Arlington, he lived on the Peninsula for 41 years. He graduated from the University of Virginia, where he was elected to engineering honor societies Tau Beta Pi and Eta Kappa Nu. He spent 36 years working at Langley Research Center, before retiring in 1999. His last position was Communications and Networks Branch Head.

Goff Simons Jr.

Goff Simons Jr., 78, died Dec. 12, 2004. A longtime Hampton resident, Simons retired from EG&G Contracting at Langley Research Center in 1991. He was also an Army veteran of the Korean War.

IN MEMORIAM

Kay. K. Gillette

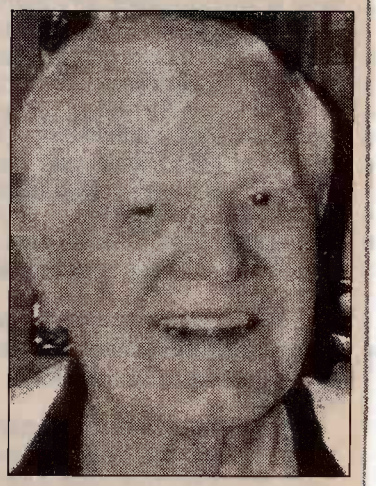
Kay Koontz Gillette, 63, died Jan. 15. A resident of Suffolk for nearly 40 years, Gillette was a 1963 Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Westhampton College and was first employed by NASA Langley Research Center before teaching math in Henrico County and Suffolk public schools and Nansemond-Suffolk Academy.

Mary H. Swain

Mary H. Swain, 54, died Dec. 19, 2004. A native of Marlton, NJ, she was a longtime resident of Poquoson. Swain was Manager of Aerodynamics and Structures and Materials for Lockheed Martin on the SAMS Contract, and had been a contractor employee at NASA Langley since 1982.

"Despite her long battle with cancer, Mary continued to be a tireless advocate and mentor to all of her employees," said Pat Haney, program manager, Lockheed Martin. "Her ever-present smile will be greatly missed by all that knew her."

KAZIMIERZ 'KAZ' CZARNECKI



NEWPORT NEWS - Kazimierz "Kaz" Czarnecki, 89, a Peninsula resident since 1939, died Sunday, Jan. 30, 2005.

Kaz was very active in the Republican Party on state and local levels and often served as a polling official. He was a member of the Republican Commission of Newport News, the Southeastern Computer Club and was a former troop master for Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Czarnecki was a 1939 graduate of University of Alabama and started his employment with NACA in 1939 and continued there until his retirement from NASA in 1979 as a Sr. Aeronautical Research Engineer.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of over 50 years, Julia R. Czarnecki, and a brother, Ed Czarnecki.

Survivors include his son, Michael R. Czarnecki and his wife, Kathleen, of Newport News; a daughter, Anna Varinski of Decatur, Ga.; one grandson, Justin Read; a son-in-law, Bill Read of Georgia; a niece, Joyce Naumann; a nephew, Steve Czarnecki; nieces, Farrah, Jan and Traci; great-nieces, Jan Massey and Nan Chandler; great-nephews, Dan and Robert Naumann; and a host of great-great-nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday evening at W. J. Smith & Son Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home with burial following in Peninsula Memorial Park.

Arrangements by W. J. Smith & Son Funeral Home.

FRANCES OWENS ROUTTEN

HAMPTON - Frances Owens Routten, 84, widow of Ollie S. Routten, died Friday, Feb. 4, 2005. Born in Newport News and a longtime resident of Fox Hill, Mrs. Routten retired from the financial management division at NASA in 1982 after many years of service. She was a member of Fox Hill Central United Methodist Church where she was a past member of the Board and former Sunday school teacher. She was also a member of the Fox Hill Women's Club, where she was president during WWII, and a charter member of the Fox Hill Senior Citizens Club.

Mrs. Routten is survived by three sons, Ollie S. Routten III and wife, Kay Quinn Routten, Robert O. Routten and wife, Barbara Spencer Routten, and Lennie F. Routten and wife, Karen Jacobs Routten, all of Hampton; seven grandchildren, Richard D. Routten, Tammy K. Messina, Kathy Routten-Allison, Blake Routten Rougeux, Amber Routten-Mitchell, Hunter W. Routten, and Chase B. Routten; and four great-grandchildren, Ashley and Douglas Routten, and Kelly and David Messina Jr.

A funeral service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, at R. Hayden Smith Funeral Home by the Rev. Stephen Crane with interment to follow in Clark Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

The family requests that memorial donations be sent to the Clark Cemetery Association, c/o Mary Roaseau, 6 Riding Path, Hampton 23669.

BERNARD W. CONNOR SR.

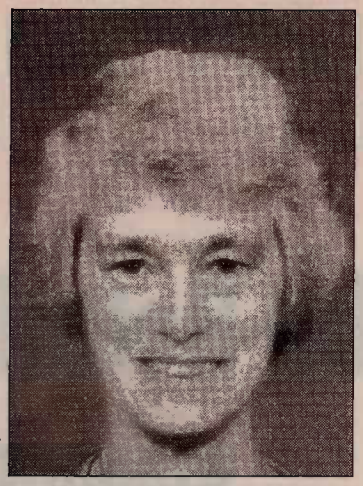
HAMPTON - Bernard W. Connor Sr. passed away Feb. 8, 2005. He was born April 9, 1918, in Lexington, Va.

He was preceded in death by his first wife of 50 years, Myrtle Saunders Connor, in 1994. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy 'Dot' Crow Connor; daughters, Sharon Winchester and husband, Robert, of Michigan, Linda C. Prescott of Illinois, and Vicki Boughner and husband, Bob, of Yorktown; son, Bernie Connor Jr. and wife, Susan, of Newport News; and a brother, Charles Buford Conner. He had nine grandchildren, Robin Bobrowski, Jerry Landry, Bob Winchester, Angela Terwillegar, Lynn Dudley, Steven Prescott, Teresa Prescott, Lisa Prescott and Bobby Prescott; and 18 great-grandchildren.

He was a veteran of WWII, graduated from NACA apprentice school, and retired from NASA in 1975. He loved working with wood and blessed us all with homemade gifts. He could be seen anywhere in Hampton riding his bicycle. He was a member of Ivy Memorial Baptist Church where he served as an usher and handyman for a number of years. He was a devoted husband and "Daddy."

Visitation will be tonight at Parklawn-Wood Funeral Home from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 11, at the funeral home, officiated by Rev. Lamar Black.

OPAL G. DAVIS



HAMPTON - Opal G. Davis, 81, passed away Saturday, Feb. 12, 2005, at the James River Convalescent Center. She was a native of Washington County, Va., but had lived on the Peninsula for 63 years.

Mrs. Davis was employed by N.A.S.A. as an Electronic Technician and retired after 38 years of service. She will be remembered for her dedication to many organizations and charitable groups. She also was a member of Liberty Baptist Church.

Mrs. Davis was preceded in death by her husband, Everette L. Davis Sr.; son, Everette L. Davis Jr.; and a grandson, Michael Davis Pfeiffer.

She is survived by her daughter, Judy D. Finley of Hampton; daughter-in-law, Lissa Henry of Hampton; two brothers, St. John "Buddy" Galliher Jr. of Blountville, Tenn., and Robert Miller of Abingdon, Va.; three sisters, Fran Galliher of Falls Church, Va., Rhea McBride of Atlanta, Ga., and Virginia Copenhaver of Abingdon, Va.; two grandchildren, David Finley of Durham, N.C., and Andrea Finley of Hampton.

The family will be receiving friends 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14, at Parklawn-Wood Funeral Home. There will be a celebration of life ceremony held 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at the funeral home followed by a committal service in Parklawn Memorial Park.

Family and friends are encouraged to visit www.mem.com to share memories of Opal.

Arrangements are under the care of Parklawn-Wood Funeral Home, 2551 N. Armistead Ave., Hampton.

IN MEMORIAM

Marion D. Farmer

Marion Douglas Farmer, 57, died Jan. 23. A native of Portsmouth, he retired after 27 years with Goddard Space Flight Center as an audio-visual specialist.

Roy H. Jacobs

Roy H. Jacobs, 91, died Jan. 20. Jacobs worked as an engineering technician at Langley Research Center, retiring in 1973.

MARY WINSTON JACKSON

HAMPTON - Mary Winston Jackson, 83, of Hampton, Va., passed peacefully into death on Friday, Feb. 11, 2005, at Riverside Convalescent Home in Hampton, Va.

She was born on April 9, 1921, to the late Frank C. and Ella Scott Winston. Mary grew up in Hampton and after graduating with highest honors from high school, she then continued her education at Hampton Institute, earning her Bachelor of Science Degrees in Mathematics and Physical Science. Following graduation, Mary taught in Maryland prior to joining NASA.

Mary retired from the NASA Langley Research Center in 1985 as an Aeronautical Engineer after 34 years. She served as a Girl Scout leader and/or committee worker over a period of 20 years. She was a member of Bethel AME Church, the Newport News-Hampton Chapter of the Continental Societies, Inc., Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and a former member of numerous civic and social organizations.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Frank C. and Ella Scott Winston, and her husband, Levi Jackson Sr.

She is survived by her son, Levi Jackson Jr.; daughter-in-law, Charlene Jackson of Hampton, Va.; her daughter, Carolyn Marie Lewis and husband, Raymond, of Newport News, Va.; her sister, Ella Strothers of Baltimore, Md.; three grandchildren, Wanda Jackson, Bryan Jackson and KaShawnta Lee of Hampton, Va.; three great-grandchildren, Charnise, Kanisha and Tyesha Jackson of Hampton, Va.; a very special friend, James Williams of Hampton, Va.; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Viewing will be held from 1 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Ronald C. Perkins Funeral Home, 251 W. Queen St., Hampton. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Bethel AME Church, 94 Lincoln St., Hampton. The family will assemble at Ronald C. Perkins Funeral Home at noon. Interment will follow at the church cemetery.

Arrangements by Ronald C. Perkins Funeral Home, Ronald C. Perkins Jr. Funeral Director.

MARIE H. TUTTLE

VIRGINIA BEACH - Marie Hofmeyer Tuttle passed away on Feb. 15, 2005, at thye age of 97. She was born Aug. 23, 1907, in a sod house near Java, S.D. The family moved to James City County on the Chickahominy River in 1912. She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Ellen Beckman Hofmeyer, her husband, William (Bill) Tuttle, her brothers, John, Arthur, and Eugene Hofmeyer, and by her sisters, Ruth Browning, and Dorothy Midkiff.

She attended Five Forks Grade School and graduated from Mathew-Whaley High School. She graduated from William and Mary College with a Master's Degree. She taught grade school at Five Forks and at Mathew-Whaley. She also taught at William and Mary. She and her husband operated Chickahominy Park with her mother and sister for several years. They lived in Urbanna, Va., where she taught at Middlesex High School, until they moved to Charles City, Va., on the Chickahominy, where they ran a boat rental business called the Anchorage.

She worked at N.A.S.A. as the head librarian until her retirement at age 75, and then went back to work until her mid 80s. She resided at Westminster-Canturbury for the past 20 years.

She is survived by many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, and great great nieces and nephews, and many devoted friends. Marie was a lovely, gracious lady who was loved by all who knew her.

A church service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 21, in Jamestown Presbyterian Church, Williamsburg. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to a charity of choice. H.D. Oliver Funeral Apts., Laskin Road Chapel, i handling arrangements.

FRANKLIN PIERCE KEESEE JR.

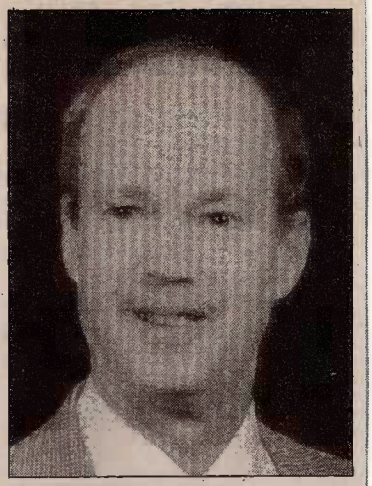
NEWPORT NEWS - Franklin Pierce Keesee Jr., 71, a native of Pikeville, Ky., and a resident of Newport News for the past 42 years, died Sunday, Feb. 20, 2005.

Mr. Keesee retired from NASA in 1990 as an engineer after 30 years of service.

He was a member of Denbigh Presbyterian Church for over 40 years and served the church as both a Deacon and an Elder.

An avid tennis fan, he also enjoyed playing the game. Having earned his Engineering Degree from the University of Kentucky he was always an avid UK Wildcats fan. He received his graduate degree in Engineering Management from George Washington University, and held a Professional Engineers License in the State of North Carolina. His true passion in life was his family and faith.

Mr. Keesee was preceded in death by his parents, Judge F. Pierce Keesee and Maudie Hatcher Keesee, and is survived by his wife of 48 years, Barbara G. Keesee; two daughters, Kathryn A. Keesee of Norcross, Ga., and Jeannie Waldman and her husband, Noah, of Duluth, Ga.; two sons, Franklin Pierce (Bo) Keesee III and his wife, Marie, of Yorktown and Edward Taylor Keesee and his wife, Susan, of Zionsville, Ind.; two sisters, Jean Shockey of Pikeville, Ky., and Eleanor Johnson of Tampa, Fla.; also three grandchildren,



Julia Waldman, Pierce Keesee and Sophia Keesee. Mr. Keesee looked forward to the March arrival of his fourth grandchild, a grandson.

A memorial service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Denbigh Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Deborah Dail officiating. Interment will be private.

Memorials may take the form of contributions to Denbigh Presbyterian Church, 302 Denbigh Blvd., Newport News, VA 23602, or the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, 1275 York Ave., New York, NY 10021.

Peninsula Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

IN MEMORIAM

Opal G. Davis

Opal G. Davis, 81, died Feb. 12. A native of Washington County, Va., she had lived on the Peninsula for 63 years. Davis was employed by NASA as an Electronic Technician and retired after 38 years of service.

Mary W. Jackson

NTA and NASA pioneer Mary W. Jackson died Feb. 11. Jackson began working at NASA Langley in 1951 after earning dual degrees at Hampton Institute in math and physical science. She entered an engineer-in-training program and became an aeronautical engineer in 1958. Jackson did wind tunnel research until 1978, when she moved into the EEO Office. Jackson retired in 1985 and remained active with the local NTA chapter for many years. She will be greatly missed.

Marie H. Tuttle

Marie H. Tuttle, 97, died Feb. 15. She graduated from the College of William and Mary with a master's degree. Tuttle taught grade school at Five Forks and Mathew-Whaley. She later taught at William and Mary and at Middlesex High School. Tuttle worked at Langley Research Center as the head librarian until her retirement at age 75, and then went back to work until her mid-80s.

BARBARA ANN BROWN 'BABS' HOLLEY

HAMPTON - Mrs. Barbara Ann Brown "Babs" Holley passed away suddenly on Thursday, Feb. 24, 2005, at Hampton Care-Plex Hospital. A native of Philadelphia, Pa., Mrs. Holley was the daughter of the late Jasper and Marcella Brown.

After graduating from West Philadelphia High School, Philadelphia, Pa., Mrs. Holley continued her education by attending Hampton Institute (University), graduating with a degree in Mathematics. After a long career as a Mathematician, she retired from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), Langley Research Center, Hampton, Va.

With love for her alma mater, Mrs. Holley was a loyal and faithful member of the Hampton Chapter of the National Hampton Alumni Association, Inc., serving as an officer and chairperson of numerous committees throughout the years. She was also a devoted member of St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church, sharing her time, talents and skills in myriad ways.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth W. Holley, and her brother, Jasper Brown III of Philadelphia, Pa.

She leaves to cherish her memories, two daughters, Karen D. Holley of Hampton, Va., and Laurie F. Holley of Atlanta, Ga.; two grandchildren, Farori E. Powell and Judson B. Powell IV; one sister-in-law, Mrs. Alice Brown of Philadelphia, Pa.; several nieces and nephews, and a host of devoted friends.

A life celebration service will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2, at St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church, 1242 W. Queen St., Hampton, Va., with The Reverend Joy E. Walton, Rector, officiating. Viewing will begin at 9 a.m. at the church on Wednesday. Burial in Hampton Memorial Gardens will follow the services.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the National Hampton Alumni Association, Inc., Endowed Scholarship Fund, The Office of Alumni Affairs, Hampton University, Hampton, VA 23668.

Arrangements by Ronald C. Perkins Funeral Home, Ronald C. Perkins Jr. Funeral Director.

SHERWOOD LEE BUTLER

HAMPTON - Sherwood Lee Butler, 91, of Hampton and Newport News, died Saturday, Feb. 27, 2005, in Hampton, Va.

Mr. Butler was born May 27, 1913, in Portsmouth, Va., the son of Thurman Butler and Virginia Butler.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Julia Carey Butler, whom he married on June 29, 1955.

Surviving are two sons, John Henry Butler, of Hampton, Va., and Michael Lee Butler of Winchester, Va.; and five grandchildren, Sean Montgomery Butler of Winter Park, Fla., Patrick Julian Carey Butler and Kelsey Quinn Butler of Hampton, Kaitlin Elizabeth Butler and Meredith Stahl Butler of Winchester, Va.

Two brothers, Melvin Butler and Warren Butler, are deceased.

Mr. Butler graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1930. He earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Tech in 1934, then served in the United States Army. As an Army officer, he was stationed in Clintwood and Toms Brook, Virginia with the Citizen's Conservation Corps (CCC), then at Ft. Monroe, as an artillery officer.

Mr. Butler was Chief Procurement Officer for NASA/Langley Research Center for 25 years and was instrumental in the early space exploration missions including Mercury, Gemini, Scout, Ranger, Lunar Orbiter and Viking. In 1970 he was awarded the NASA Meritorious Service Award for outstanding procurement and fiscal management. He retired as the Deputy Director of Administration for NASA/Langley Research, Hampton, Va. Upon his retirement he acted as a consultant for LTV and McDonald-Douglas.

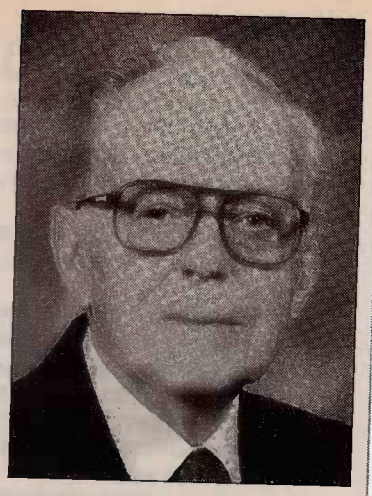
Mr. Butler was a member of the James River Country Club for 43 years. He was also active in the Peninsula Chapter of the National Contract Management Association and the Virginia Tech Alumni Association.

Mr. Butler was a member of Saint Andrews Episcopal Church in Newport News, Va. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 12, at noon at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Newport News.

Memorial contributions may be made to Virginia Tech College of Engineering, Office of Development, 333 North Hall (0259), Blacksburg, VA 24061.

Peninsula Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

THURMAN LUCY



NEWPORT NEWS - William Thurman Lucy, 89, passed away at home on Sunday, Feb. 27, 2005.

Born in Brunswick County, Va., he made his home in Newport News for over 60 years. Thurman was a staff sergeant during World War II and retired from NASA Langley with 31 years of service. After retirement, he went to work for Suttle Motors as their tool room attendant. Until recently, he was driving dealer exchange cars for Casey Chevrolet.

Thurman was a member of Parkview United Methodist Church. He had served many years as a Lay Leader and Sunday School teacher. Thurman devoted his life to his family and his church. He will be remembered by all as a good and loving man, and a man with tremendous faith in God, who set examples for all to live by.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 43 years, Ovella J. Lucy; a son, Bill Lucy and wife, Lori, of Newport News; three daughters, Jenny Booth of Charleston, S.C., Betty Hicks and husband, Carl, of Newport News and Kathy Rilee and husband, Wayne Wise, of Roanoke; his loving 101-year-old mother-in-law, Ruby Jones of Saluda; seven grandchildren, Kim, Nancy, Steven, Kenny, Angie, Jennifer and Billy; 10 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. He also leaves numerous other relatives and friends who were very dear to his heart.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. tonight at Peninsula Funeral Home. A funeral service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, at Parkview United Methodist Church officiated by the Rev. Ken Sauer. Burial will follow in Peninsula Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Parkview United Methodist Church, 912 Briarfield Road, Newport News, VA 23605.

The family also wishes to thank the many doctors and nurses who have cared for Thurman in the recent months.

LOUIS R. FOSTER

NEWPORT NEWS - Louis R. Foster, 73, a native and lifelong resident of Newport News, died Wednesday, March 9, 2005. He retired from N.A.S.A., was an Air Force veteran, and a member of First Christian Church, where he served as a Deacon. He had a love of airplanes and boats, and, as a talented woodworker, built his own boat.

Mr. Foster was preceded in death by his daughter, Jeannie Caldwell. He is survived by a daughter, Mary Ellen McLaughlin and husband, Paul, of Gloucester; a granddaughter, Christine Caldwell and her son, Justin Baker, of Hampton; the love of his life, Mary Lois Moore of Roanoke; and a cousin, Deloris Moore and husband, Edward, of Poquoson.

A funeral service will be held 6 p.m. Sunday at Claytor Rollins Funeral Home by Rev. Milford C. Rollins.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters, Attn: Community Relations, 601 Childrens Lane, Norfolk VA.

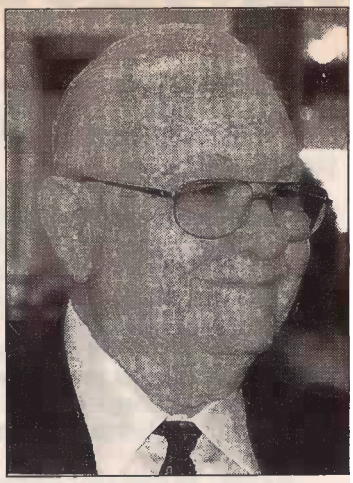
IN MEMORIAM

John R. "Jack" Westfall

John R. "Jack" Westfall, 92, died on Dec. 17, 2004 in Olympia, Wa. Westfall graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in Aeronautical Engineering, and went on to join NASA's precursor, NACA, at Langley from March 1940-Feb. 1957. In that time, Westfall was an engineer for the Dynamic Loads Division, a division executive with the Aircraft Division and contributed to early landing loads and wind tunnel testing. Some of his technical work is still viewable online today at <http://naca.larc.nasa.gov/>.

Westfall remained lifelong friends with former NACA supervisor Dick Rhode and secretary Patsy Coe. He later contributed to NASA's Agena Project in Ohio, and to the Gemini and Apollo programs in Houston, Texas. As a retiree in Washington State, he tutored math to elementary school children, served as a long-term care ombudsman and was a renowned rose-grower.

LEROY KEFFER JR.



NEWPORT NEWS - Leroy Keffer Jr., 81, died on Sunday, Feb. 27, 2005, at Mary Immaculate Hospital. He was a lifelong resident of Newport News and served as a corporal in the U.S. Army Air Corps during WWII. Mr. Keffer retired from NASA as a model maker where he worked from 1941-1977. After his retirement he enjoyed putting his woodworking skills to use by building furniture and remodeling kitchens. He was an active member of Warwick Memorial United Methodist Church and was the former President of the Methodist Men's Club.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Catherine Keffer.

He is survived by his son, Samuel L. Keffer III and his wife, Linda, of Newport News; his daughter, Catherine A. Keffer of Hampton; his sisters, Anna Mae Hertzler and her husband, Oliver, of Newport News and Bette Lea Lowrey of Gloucester; his brother, Freddy Keffer and his wife, Joyce, of Chesapeake; his four grandchildren, Samuel L. Keffer IV, Gina Coldwell and her husband, John, Susan Padgett and David Padgett; his four great-grandchildren, Kariann, Brandon, Annsley and Breanna Coldwell; and his very dear friend, Ethel Fahler of Virginia Beach.

The family will receive friends from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on Thursday, March 3, at Warwick Memorial United Methodist Church. Funeral services will begin at 1 p.m. at the church by the Rev. Steve Plymale. Interment will follow in Peninsula Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Warwick Memorial United Methodist Church Building Fund, 38 Hoopes Road, Newport News, VA 23602.

Arrangements by Weymouth Funeral Home.

MARY LUCILLE DAVIS

HAMPTON - Mary Lucille Davis, 89, passed away Friday, March 4, 2005, at the Hampton Sentara CarePlex. She was a native of Bluefield, W.Va., but had lived in Hampton for many years.

Mary was employed by N.A.S.A. as a Math Aide and retired after 23 years of service. She will be remembered for her dedication to many organizations and charitable groups. She also was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Hampton.

Mrs. Davis was preceded in death by her husband, John Floyd Davis.

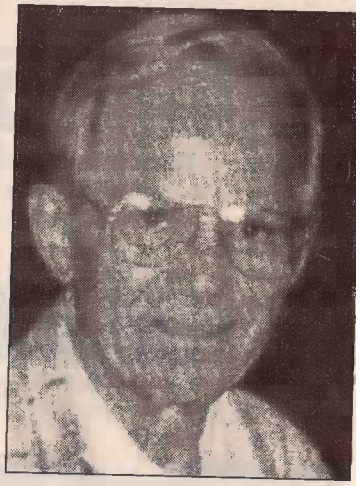
She is survived by her cousins, O.K. Nelson of Roanoke, Va., and B.C. Horne of Blacksburg, Va.; and a very special friend, Aleene Helberg of Newport News, Va.

There will be a celebration of life ceremony held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 9, at East End Cemetery, Wytheville, Va., with interment to follow.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church, Peninsula Rescue Mission or Salvation Army.

Arrangements are under the care of Parklawn-Wood Funeral Home, 2551 N. Armistead Ave., Hampton.

KARL LAMBROFF



HAMPTON - Karl Lambroff, 83, passed away on Wednesday, March 2, 2005, in Newport News after a lengthy illness. Born in Lorain, Ohio, he had been a resident of Hampton since 1946.

He is survived by his two sons, John Lambroff of Hampton and Larry Lambroff of Newport News; his daughter, Bonnie Lambroff of Hampton; and two grandsons, Scott Lambroff of Virginia Beach and Karl Leonard of Richmond.

Karl retired from N.A.S.A. in 1978 and continued his love of flying and the sky when he opened Karl's R.C. Hobby World on King Street in Hampton. He will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by his family and friends.

A graveside service inside the chapel mausoleum will be conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 5, at Parklawn Memorial Park by Mr. Larry R. Jones. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Friday at R. Hayden Smith Funeral Home Downtown Hampton.

The family requests that memorial donations be sent to the Alzheimer's Association 20 Interstate Corporate Center, Suite 233, Norfolk 23502.

PAUL WILLIAM HUBER

NEWPORT NEWS - God decided that Paul William Huber's earthly work was done on Thursday, March 10, 2005.

A native of Ohio, he was a Newport News resident. Mr. Huber retired as a research scientist at NASA. Since his retirement, he had been a chaplain for both Hampton and Newport News police departments. He was a member of Grace United Methodist Church.

Mr. Huber was preceded in death by his parents, William Henry and Edith Huber; his brother, James Huber and a sister, that passed in infancy, Ruth Huber.

His memories will be cherished by his wife of 62 years, Marian Huber; his children, John, William, Ruth, Mary and Paul Andrew Huber and his wife, Kendahl; 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and his sister, Mary Davis. He will also be greatly missed by Jake.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 13, at Peninsula Funeral Home. A funeral service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Monday at Grace United Methodist Church, officiated by Rev. Brenda Biler with burial to follow in Peninsula Memorial Park.

Memorial donations may take the form of contributions to Industrial and Commercial Ministries, 1 Court Square, Suite 280, Harrisonburg, VA 22801.

JOSEPH PHILLIP DEGINDER JR.

LAKE GASTON, N.C. - Joseph "J. P." Phillip DeGinder Jr., 71, fulfilled his life's journey on Tuesday, March 22, 2005.

Joe served in the U.S. Reserves and the U.S. Navy. He retired from NASA-Langley, as a branch head, after 37 years of service. He then retired to Lake Gaston, N.C., in 1990.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Joseph Phillip DeGinder Sr. and Cora Wallace DeGinder, and sister, Gertrude "Trudy" Bloxom.

Survivors include his loving wife of 51 years, June McCormick DeGinder; son, Bruce DeGinder and daughter, Sandra Jenkins and her husband, Mark. He was blessed with three grandchildren, Jason, Michael and Sara. He is also survived by his sister, Mary Frances Bloxom and her husband, Frank.

His loving devotion to his family, compassion for others and generosity to all he met will be fondly cherished whenever he is remembered.

The family would like to express their appreciation to the Riverside Hospice for their care.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 25, at Peninsula Funeral Home. A funeral service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday at Peninsula Funeral Home, officiated by Rev. Greg Hand. Burial will follow in Peninsula Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 895 Middle Ground Blvd., Suite 154, Newport News, VA 23606.

The Celebration of the Life

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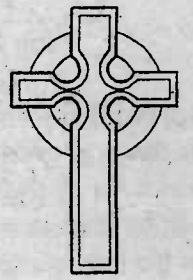

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IN MEMORIAM

Sherwood Lee Butler

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Mary Lucille Davis

Mary Lucille Davis, 89, died March 4. She was a native of Bluefield, W.Va., but had lived in Hampton for many years. Davis was employed by NASA as a math aide and retired after 23 years of service.

Louis R. Foster

Louis R. Foster, 73, died March 9. A native and lifelong resident of Newport News, Foster retired from NASA and was an Air Force veteran.

Barbara Ann Brown Holley

Barbara Ann Brown 'Babs' Holley died Feb. 24. A native of Philadelphia, Pa., she graduated from Hampton Institute (University) with a degree in mathematics. After a long career as a mathematician, she retired from NASA Langley.

Paul William Huber

Paul William Huber died March 10. A native of Ohio, Huber was a Newport News resident. He retired as a research scientist from NASA.

Leroy Keffer Jr.

Leroy Keffer Jr., 81, died Feb. 27. A lifelong resident of Newport News, he served as a corporal in the U.S. Army Air Corps during WWII. Keffer retired from NASA as a model maker where he worked from 1941 until 1977.

Franklin Pierce Keesee Jr.

Franklin Pierce Keesee Jr., 71, died Feb. 20. Keesee retired from NASA in 1990 as an engineer after 30 years of service.

Karl Lambroff

Karl Lambroff, 83, died March 2. Born in Lorain, Ohio, he had been a resident of Hampton since 1946. Lambroff retired from NASA in 1978 and continued his love of flying and the sky when he opened Karl's R.C. Hobby World in Hampton.

William Thurman Lucy

William Thurman Lucy, 89, died Feb. 27. Born in Brunswick County, Va., he made his home in Newport News for over 60 years. Thurman was a staff sergeant during WWII and retired from NASA Langley with 31 years of service.

Walter Stanley Murawski Jr.

Walter Stanley Murawski Jr., 51, died Feb. 16. Born and raised in Hampton, he entered the U.S. Air Force after high school. He returned home as a master electrician and was currently employed by Jacobs Sverdrup Technology Inc. at Langley Research Center.

"I worked with Walt for the past 18 years," said Joseph Falzone, Jacobs Sverdrup/Center Operations Directorate. "Most of his time was spent trouble shooting and repairing facility electrical problems. He did everything from working on Mission-critical equipment required to run a wind tunnel to a simple lighting call. Walt always accepted a challenge and enjoyed resolving electrical problems. Walt's knowledge, ability and, most of all, personality will be missed."

ROBERT E. DAVIDSON

NEWPORT NEWS - Robert E. Davidson, 88, died Sunday, April 3, 2005. A native of Rochester, N.Y., he was the widower of Martha Powell Davidson.

He graduated from Georgia Tech and UVA and served in the Navy as a pilot during World War II. Robert came to the Peninsula in the late 1940s to work at NASA.

Survivors include two daughters, Kathryn Harden of Petersburg and Claire D. Davidson and husband, Tom Chapman, of Newport News; and two grandchildren, Cole Harden of Blacksburg and Anne Harden of Charlottesville.

Services will be private.

Bob loved airplanes and was an avid boater.

Contributions may be made to The Mariners' Museum.

Sturtevant Funeral Home, Bennetts Creek Chapel, is handling arrangements.

AGNES WILLIAMS DUNKLEY LINDLER

NEWPORT NEWS - Agnes "Aggie" Williams Dunkley Lindler, 79, passed away on Wednesday, April 6, 2005.

Born July 21, 1925, she was a resident of The Chesapeake, formerly the Baptist Home. In January 1985, after 27 years of service, Aggie retired from NASA, where she was the Freedom of Information Officer. She was a member of Liberty Baptist Church. She served the Lord in the churches in various communities, in which she lived, as well as in her personal life and various service and community organizations.

Aggie is survived by her husband, Albert "Al" H. Lindler; two sons, William Dunkley of Macon, Ga., and Mason Dunkley and wife, Lynda, of Tabb; two stepsons, Albert "Bert" W. Lindler and wife, Kristi DuBois, of Missoula, Mont., and David Lindler of Atlanta, Ga.; two stepdaughters, Diane Seppala of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Susan Stephenson and husband, Thomas "Ned" Edward Stephenson, of Tappahannock and her sister, Augusta "Gussie" Sommers of Smithfield.

Family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 8, at Peninsula Funeral Home. A funeral service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home, officiated by Rev. Richard Bruce. Burial will follow in Peninsula Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Hampton Roads Chapter #20, Interstate Corp. Center, Suite 233, Norfolk, VA 23502.

IN MEMORIAM

Robert E. Davidson

Robert E. Davidson, 88, died April 3. A native of Rochester, N.Y., he served in the Navy as a pilot during World War II. Davidson came to the Peninsula in the late 1940s to work at NASA.

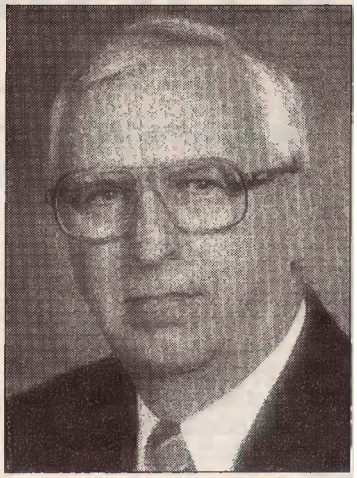
Agnes W. D. Lindler

Agnes "Aggie" Williams Dunkley Lindler, 79, died April 6. Lindler worked for NACA in the Pilot Aircraft Research Division (PARD) and as the freedom of information officer in the Public Affairs Office. She retired in 1985 from NASA after 27 years of service.

Irving M. Stewart

Irving M. Stewart, 74, died April 11. A resident of Toano, Va., Stewart retired from NASA as an aircraft mechanic supervisor.

THOMAS GEORGE POPERNACK



HAMPTON - Thomas George Popernack, 64, died Sunday, May 1, 2005. Born on July 27, 1940, in Bobtown, Pa., he graduated from Mapletown High School in 1958 where he was Captain of the football team and played on the baseball team. He graduated with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from West Virginia University in 1962.

Tom worked for NASA Langley Research Center as a Mechanical Engineer for 38 years. He was a recognized expert in cryogenics, high pressure gas systems, and vacuum systems with an emphasis on safe system design and operation. He provided essential skills on projects for the National Transonic Facility and the 8 Foot High Temperature Tunnel. Recently, he enjoyed working as an engineering consultant for Jacobs-Sverdrup.

A devoted member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, he was a member of the church council, a reader, and played on the Men's Softball team. He had also served as President of the Phillips Athletic Association.

Survivors include his wife, Rose Marie (Chekosky) Popernack; his son, Thomas George Popernack Jr. and his wife, Cynthia, of Yorktown and their daughters, Allison and Meredith; his daughter, Christina Popernack Kerby and her husband, Robert, of Hampton and their children, Katherine, Robert and Mark; his daughter, Renee Popernack of Hampton. He is also survived by three sisters, Betty Longo of Greensboro, Pa., Marge Franks of Bobtown, Pa., and Mary Ann Kurila of Mayfield Heights, Ohio; and three brothers, Paul Popernack, Andy Popernack of Bobtown, Pa., and Robert Popernack of Bay Village, Ohio.

A Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 4, at St. Joseph Catholic Church by the Rev. William McMurrer. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday at R. Hayden Smith Funeral Home.

THOMAS GEORGE POPERNACK

HAMPTON - Thomas George Popernack, 64, a retired Mechanical Engineer from NASA, died Sunday, May 1, 2005. The family will receive friends from 7-8:30 PM Tuesday at R. Hayden Smith Funeral Home.

LEONARD T. POWER

NEWPORT NEWS - Leonard Tyrone Power, 79, died on Saturday, May 7, 2005. Born in Trenton, N.J., he had been a Peninsula resident for 43 years. He retired from NASA as an Engineer in 1990 with 28 years of service. He attended St. Jeromes Catholic Church.

Mr. Power is survived by his son, Mark Power of N.Y., N.Y.; his daughter, Gloriann Mechlman of Ellicott City, Md. and his granddaughter, Jennifer.

Services will be private. Arrangements by Weymouth Funeral Home.

IN MEMORIAM

Lewis R. Fisher

Lewis R. Fisher, 83, died April 4. Fisher was a member of NACA and a part of the Space Task Group that brought the manned spaceflight center to Houston. He served in the Agency through the Little Joe, Mercury, Gemini, Apollo, Space Shuttle and Space Station programs. He retired from Johnson Space Center in 1981.

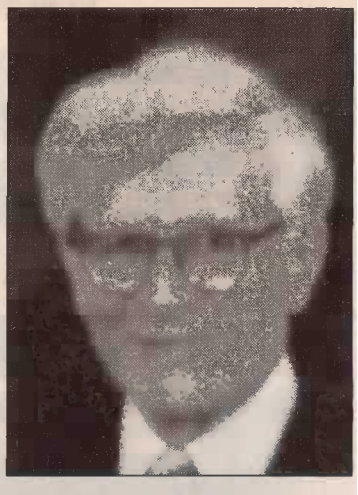
Jovneitta 'Veta' Martin Moul

Jovneitta 'Veta' Martin Moul, 77, died April 11. A native of New Augusta, Miss., she worked at NACA for several years where she met her husband, Marty Moul. Later, she was employed as a school librarian at York High School.

Kenneth Edward Singleton

Kenneth Edward Singleton, 94, died April 21. Singleton had lived in Hampton since 1926. He retired from NASA in 1972 after 32 years of service.

WILLIAM K. HAGGINBOTHOM JR.



NEWPORT NEWS - William "Bill" K. Hagginbothom Jr., 87, passed away on Sunday, May 15, 2005.

A native of Catskill, N.Y., he had been a Newport News resident for 56 years. He was a member of Faith Presbyterian Church, where he had served as an Elder. He graduated from Penn State in 1942 and was an avid Nittany Lion fan. He began his career at NACA, the predecessor to NASA, as an Aerospace Engineer in jet propulsion systems. He retired from NASA after 37 years of service.

Mr. Hagginbothom was preceded in death by his parents, William and Eva Hagginbothom and his first wife, Dora Wade Hagginbothom.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth K. Hagginbothom; three daughters, Tamara Dunkelberger and husband, Thomas , DeLane Hill and husband, Carl, and Beverly Currin and husband, Paul; two sons, Gary Mann and wife, Carol, and Darrell Mann and wife, Dawn; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 19, at Faith Presbyterian Church, officiated by Langdon Montgomery. Burial will follow in Peninsula Memorial Park.

Memorials may take the form of contributions in Mr. Hagginbothom's name to Faith Presbyterian Church, 657 Harpersville Road, Newport News, VA 23601.

Peninsula Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

FRANCIS LEE PARKER

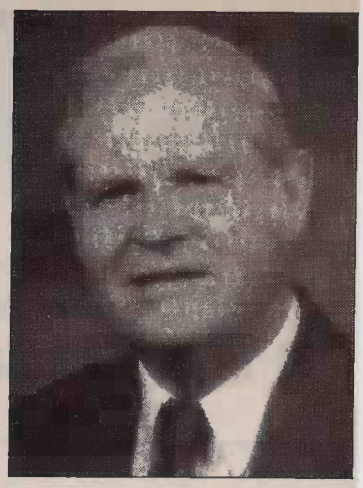
NEWPORT NEWS - Francis Lee Parker, 86, passed peacefully in his sleep at his home on Wednesday, May 18, 2005.

A native of Scottsville, Va., in Fluvanna County, he had been a Peninsula resident for 60 years. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and received two Purple Hearts. He was a pressman for NACA and NASA and retired after 31 years in 1977. He was a member of Parkview United Methodist Church since 1950, where he was a Sunday School Superintendent until his health required him to take the Assistant Superintendent position. He also loved traveling and music. He was a member of the Methodist Men's Club, Retired Men's Club, the Virginia Peninsula Campers Association, the Bluegrass Music Club, and the American Legion, Post 25.

Survivors include his wife, Juanita D. Parker; his daughter, Anita P. Hurst and her husband, Robert, and two grandchildren, Lee H. and Melissa K. Meeks, all of Newport News; his sister, Helen Camdon of Virginia Beach; and many nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 19, at Peninsula Funeral Home. A graveside service, with full military honors, will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, May 20, in Peninsula Memorial Park, officiated by the Rev. Mark Wilcox, the Rev. Steve Edwards and the Rev. Ken Sauer.

IRVING M. STEWART



TOANO - Irving M. Stewart, 74, of Toano, Va., died Monday, April 11, 2005. He retired from NASA as an aircraft mechanic supervisor.

Irving was a Korean War Air Force veteran. He was a lifelong member of Liberty Baptist Church where he actively served as a deacon, Sunday school teacher and superintendent.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Maxine Stewart; a daughter and her husband, Sandy and Raymond Edwards of Fredericksburg; a son and his wife, Gregory M. and Shannon Stewart of Meridian, Miss.; brother and his wife, Clarence and Pat Stewart of Lanexa; seven grandchildren, Christina Leiden, Ashley West, Nick West, Jeff West, Victoria Stewart, Tanner Stewart and Brayden Stewart; three great-grandchildren, Carleigh, Sydney and Paul Leiden.

A funeral service will be held 2 p.m. Thursday at Liberty Baptist Church, Lanexa, Va. Interment will be in church cemetery. The family will receive friends 6 to 8:30 p.m. tonight at Vincent Funeral Home, 417 11th Street, West Point, Va.

Memorials may be made to Liberty Baptist Church Building Fund, 15810 Liberty Church Road, Lanexa, VA 23089.

MOUL

JOVNEITTA 'VETA' MARTIN MOUL

YORKTOWN - Jovneitta "Veta" Martin Moul, 77, of Yorktown, Va., died on April 11, 2005, after a yearlong battle with cancer.

She was a native of New Augusta, Miss., and graduated from Mississippi State College for Women. After her graduation, she worked at NACA for several years where she met her husband, Marty Moul.

As her children grew, Veta was employed as a school librarian at York High School. After her retirement, she enjoyed volunteering at the Bargain Box and traveling around the country in their RV. She was a lifelong and active member of Yorkminster Presbyterian Church.

Veta is survived by her loving husband of 54 years, Martin T. Moul, and her three children, Thomas M. Moul of Williamsburg, Va., Carolyn A. Moul of Richmond, Va., and Nancy M. Watson of Severna Park, Md.; six grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 14, in Amory Funeral Home. A memorial service will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, April 15, at Yorkminster Presbyterian Church in Grafton, followed by a reception at the church. Interment will be private in Parklawn Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 895 Middle Ground Blvd., Newport News, VA 23606, or to Yorkminster Presbyterian Church Building Fund, 6218 George Washington Highway, Grafton, VA 23692.

IN MEMORIAM

Joseph Phillip "J.P." DeGinder Jr.

Joseph Phillip "J.P." DeGinder Jr., 71, died March 22. DeGinder served in the U.S. Reserves and the U.S. Navy. He retired from Langley Research Center as a branch head after 37 years of service and moved to Lake Gaston, N.C., in 1990.

Richard Philip "Dick" Lusher

Richard Philip "Dick" Lusher, 74, died March 24. After working as the news director for Channel 3 in Norfolk, Va., Lusher worked with NASA, attending launches of the Gemini series to prepare film footage for the media.

IN MEMORIAM

Thomas George Popernack

Thomas George Popernack, 64, died May 1. A native of Bobtown, Pa., Popernack graduated with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from West Virginia University in 1962. He worked for Langley Research Center as a mechanical engineer for 38 years. Popernack was a recognized expert in cryogenics, high-pressure gas systems and vacuum systems with an emphasis on safe system design and operation. He provided essential skills on projects for the National Transonic Facility and the 8-Foot High-Temperature Tunnel. Recently, he enjoyed working as an engineer consultant for Jacobs-Sverdrup.

"Tom was a member of what we call our 'Reserve Corps,' people with a career of experience behind them who have decided to retire, but possess knowledge and expertise that we want to be able to apply to difficult problems," said Jeff Long, manager, Jacobs-Sverdrup. "We miss Tom. Losing him leaves a void that will be hard to fill."

Leonard Tyrone Power

Leonard Tyrone Power, 79, died May 7. Born in Trenton, N.J., Power retired from NASA as an engineer in 1990 with 28 years of service.

IN MEMORIAM

William K. Hagginbothom

William 'Bill' K. Hagginbothom, 87, died May 15. A Newport News resident for 56 years, Hagginbothom graduated from Penn State in 1942. He worked at NACA as an aerospace engineer in jet propulsion systems and retired after 37 years of service.

Percy R. Keffer Jr.

Percy R. Keffer Jr., 85, died May 22. Born in Portsmouth, Keffer had an extensive military career in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II and received four bronze combat stars. Following his military service, Keffer completed his bachelor's degree in engineering and worked for several years as a mechanical engineer at Langley Research Center.

Ahmad Naser

Ahmad Naser, 43, died May 17. Naser grew up in Jordan. He received a doctorate degree in engineering science and mechanics in 1993. He became an adjunct professor at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Va., and later an associate professor at North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro, N.C.

Most recently, Naser was an aeronautical research engineer with Lockheed Martin in Langley Research Center's Research and Technology Directorate.

"Ahmad was a multitalented researcher, who solved problems ranging from complex controls software to aeroelastic analysis," said Alan Stockwell, Lockheed Martin. "His modest, easy-going manner and willingness to accept whatever challenges came his way made him a highly valued employee and colleague. He will be greatly missed."

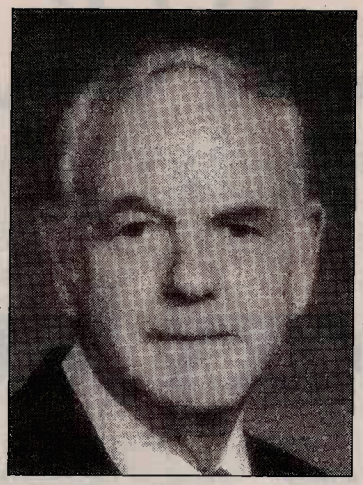
Francis L. Parker

Francis Lee Parker, 86, died May 18. A native of Scottsville, Va., Parker served in the U.S. Army during World War II and received two Purple Hearts. Parker was a pressman for NACA and NASA and retired in 1977 after 31 years of service.

Doris Gerard Wyatt

Doris Gerard Wyatt, 82, died May 20. Originally from Blount's Creek, N.C., Wyatt retired from Clay Holt as a contract mail carrier for NASA.

PERCY RAYMOND KEFFER JR.



COBBS CREEK - Percy R. Keffer Jr. died Sunday, May 22, 2005, at Riverside Regional Convalescent Center in Newport News. Born in Portsmouth June 26, 1919, Percy grew up in the Wythe section of Hampton and lived most of his adult life in Newport News. He built, owned and operated Keffer Marine Service, Inc. on Deep Creek, which he ran for 30 years before selling the business and retiring to Cobbs Creek on the Piankatank River in 1984.

After graduating from Hampton High School in 1937, Percy attended Virginia Tech until World War II interrupted his college education. He joined the U.S. Coast Guard in 1942 and initially served with the Atlantic Coast Anti-Submarine Patrol for several months before being selected for Officers Candidate School. After graduation he was commissioned as an ensign at the U.S.C.G. Academy in New London, Connecticut. He then completed Advanced Officers Training and Amphibious Training in Landing Craft, and was deployed overseas on the USS Bayfield. In the D-Day invasion of Normandy, Percy was in command of one of the waves of landing craft that transported men and equipment to the beaches; he received his first of four bronze combat stars after the invasion. He was appointed to Lieutenant JG and then participated in the Invasion of Southern France where he again lead a wave of landing craft into the beach, and received a bronze combat star. At the conclusion of the European phase of the war, Percy came home and married Virginia Becan of Newport News, and two weeks later left for the Pacific. He participated in the Invasion of Iwo Jima, receiving a bronze combat star and the Invasion of Okinawa where he received his fourth bronze combat star. He was with his ship, the USS Bayfield in San Francisco, preparing to transport marines for the invasion of Japan when the war ended.

With the conclusion of World War II, Percy returned to Virginia Tech with his wife, Virginia, and completed his Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering. He worked for several years as a mechanical engineer at NACA Langley (now NASA) but his love of the water and boats took over. He bought a small marine railway on Deep Creek and with the vision of a full service marina he began to build Keffer Marine Service, Inc. In 1984, he retired to his "private marina" on the shores of the Piankatank River and Cobbs Creek in Mathews where he continued to sail various boats on the Chesapeake Bay. One of his favorite boating experiences was his trip down the Intercoastal Waterway to Florida, where he spent the winter of 1989 and returned in the following spring. As long as he was physically capable he continued to pursue his lifelong hobby with boats.

Percy's beloved wife of 50 years died in 1994; she was the mother of their daughter Carol and son Ray. Percy remarried in 1996 to Susan Speight of Cobbs Creek, with whom he enjoyed nearly 9 wonderful years.

Percy had been a member of Denbigh Presbyterian Church for many years where he served as a deacon, on numerous committees, and with Boy Scout Troop 345. Recently he became a member of First Presbyterian Church of Gloucester.

His first wife, Virginia; his father, Percy R. Keffer Sr.; his mother, Helen T. Keffer; and his sister, Julia Welch, preceded Percy in death.

He is survived by his second wife, Susan of Cobbs Creek; his daughter, Carol and her husband, Bruce Johnson, of Newport News; his son, Ray and his wife, Joelle, of Newport News; and his brother, Pete and his wife, Barbara, of York County.

A memorial service will be conducted at 3 p.m. on Wednesday at Peninsula Funeral Home with the Rev. Jerry Helms officiating.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Mathews Rescue Squad, or your favorite charity or organization.

CHARLOTTE B. CRAIDON

NEWPORT NEWS - Charlotte Barker Craidon, 80, died June 3, 2005, at Riverside Medical Center.

Mrs. Craidon was born on Nov. 30, 1924, in Atkins, Ark. She was the daughter of the late John Mackey Barker and the late Erma Mae Emmert Barker. Mrs. Craidon was retired from NASA and was a volunteer with the Virginia Living Museum for many years.

She is survived by her husband, Theodore (Ted) S. Craidon; a daughter, Cherry Bethel and her husband, Tom, of Gloucester, Va.; two grandchildren, Stephanie M. Williams of Gloucester, Va., and Katy M. Lloyd and her husband, Jason, of Midlothian, Va.; and three great-grandchildren, Logan and Morgan Williams of Gloucester, Va., and Spencer Lloyd of Midlothian, Va.

Private family services will be held.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Virginia Living Museum.

The Cremation Society of Virginia, Peninsula Office, Newport News, is in charge of arrangements.

VERNON MCGREGOR BATSON

WILMINGTON, N.C. - Vernon McGregor Batson, 64, of Wilmington, N.C., died Sunday, June 5, 2005, at his residence.

He was born Aug. 4, 1940, in Wilmington, N.C., son of the late Forrest Batson and Nellie Mason Batson.

Mr. Batson graduated from North Carolina State University in 1962 with a degree in electrical engineering. He was employed with NASA Langley, Hampton, Va., as a research engineer from 1962-1997 and was a resident of Yorktown, Va., during that time.

At retirement in 1998, Mr. Batson relocated his family to the old homeplace in Wilmington N.C., where he built his present home near the water. He enjoyed woodworking, fishing and helping people. Throughout his lifetime he and his wife helped to raise many children.

Surviving is his loving wife of 43 years, Sharon Crapps Batson; three children; Lorenda Batson of Morehead City, N.C., Jeffrey Batson and wife, Jennifer, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Deborah Batson of Wilmington, N.C.; two grandchildren, Joshua Batson and Sarah Batson of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; foster children, Lynn, Kara and Thomas; a special cousin, Mollie Johnson of Wilmington, N.C.; his father-in-law, Earl Crapps of Kinard, S.C.; and three sisters-in-law, Brenda Nickerson of Charleston, S.C., Mary Ann Sulik of Kinard, S.C., and Sue Crapps of Columbia, S.C.

The family will receive friends at the residence between the hours of 6 and 8 p.m. Tuesday.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 8, at his residence, 126 Coquina Drive, (off Porters Neck Road towards Figure Eight Island). Interment will follow in Prospect Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to Lower Cape Fear Hospice, 725 Wellington Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401, or to any charity of choice.

Andrews Mortuary Market Street

RICHARD H. RARING

NEWPORT NEWS - Richard H. Raring, age 91 and a Peninsula resident for 34 years, died June 5, 2005, at home from congestive heart failure. He was born and raised in Pennsylvania.

He had a BA in metallurgy from Lehigh University and an MA from the University of Maryland. Employment included positions with The American Chain Company, Jones & Laughlin Steel Company, the Naval Aircraft Factory, Naval Research Lab, National Research Council, NACA and NASA. He retired from NASA Langley Research Center in 1973.

His son, Stephen, preceded Mr. Raring in death.

Survivors include his beloved wife of 37 years, Regina; his brother, Linus M. Raring of Fredericksburg; his sister, Jane Marlatt of Falls Church; and several nieces and nephews.

Following the death of his son, Mr. Raring, along with his wife and Mark and Eileen Hessek, founded the Tidewater Guild for Infant Survival, which promoted research and education on Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. Mr. Raring's letter to Senators on the Health and Education Committee prompted Senator Walter Mondale to hold hearings in 1973. He also wrote a book "Crib Death: Scourge of Infants-Shame on Society."

The family will receive friends from 5 to 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday, June 8, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church. A Funeral Mass will follow at 7 p.m. at the church by the Rev. Jose Lobaton, OFM. Interment will be private.

Donations may be made to the American Guild for Infant Survival, 301 Eastwood Circle, Virginia Beach, VA 23454, or a favorite charity.

Arrangements by Weymouth Funeral Home.

WILLIAM ANDREW TUCK

NORFOLK - William Andrew Tuck left this life on June 11, 2005, to begin his eternal one with his Lord and Savior, Jesu Christ. He was the son of the late Edward J. Tuck Sr. and Ruby S. Tuck of Hampton, Va

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Jacke Tuck; and three daughters, Linda Wahab (William) of Virginia Beach, Va., Elizabeth Rodriguez (Carl) of Springfield, Va., and Diane Kidd (Michael) of Williamsport, Md. He is also survived by five grandchildren, Barbara Kimpan (Nicholas), Jeannette, Andrew, David and Kathleen Kidd; and one great-grandchild, Noah William Kimpan.

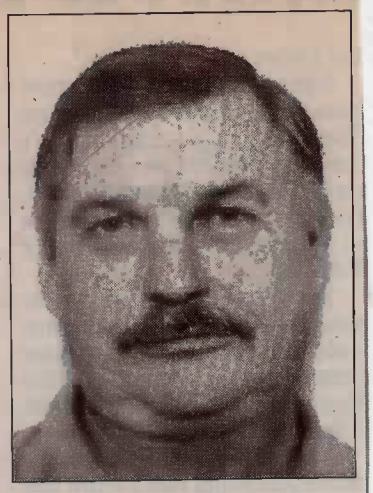
Bill graduated from Hampton High School in 1943 where he played on the Virginia State Championship football team of 1942. He was a World War II U.S. Navy veteran and a participant in the Nor mandy Invasion. He attended Otterbein College of Westerville, Ohio, and retired from NASA at Langley Research Center. In the community, he volunteered by coaching church and little league teams and served with the community civic league. He was a longtime member and deacon c Calvary Presbyterian Church.

To his wife, Bill Tuck was a true life partner; to his daughters, he was their first hero; and to his grandchildren, he was a loving grandpa. He will be missed by all.

The family will receive visitors from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, June 13, at Altmeyer Funeral Home, 5792 Greenwich Road, Virginia Beach. A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday at Calvary Presbyterian Church, 150 Kempsville Road, Norfolk. Interment will be in Rosewood Memorial Park.

Donations may be made in his memo ry to Calvary Presbyterian Church or Sentara Hospice Program, 535 Independence Parkway, Suite 200, Chesapeake, VA 23320.

RICHARD JOHN MAGEE



HAMPTON - Richard John Magee, 58, of Hampton, beloved father and grandfather, passed away on June 11, 2005. He was born in Philadelphia, Pa., and had been a Peninsula resident for over 50 years and had worked as a senior plant technician in the compressor station at NASA since 1976.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, Lester and Veronica Magee.

He is survived by his son, Kevin T. Magee Sr. and wife, Dusty; his two daughters, Kathryn Magee and Karen Magee; eight grandchildren, all of Hampton; two brothers, James Magee and Stephen Magee. He considered his numerous friends from NASA and the Tide Mill Café his second family.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday June 15, and a memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 18, at Parklawn-Wood Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to the American Heart Association or CHKD of Hampton.

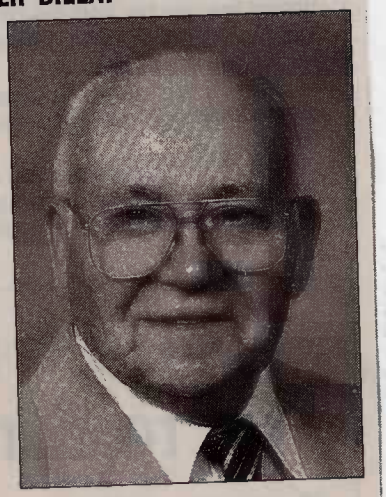
Family and friends are encouraged to visit www.mem.com to share their memories of Richard.

Arrangements are under the care of Parklawn-Wood Funeral Home, 2551 N. Armistead Ave., Hampton.

EDWARD HENRY JENKINS

NEWPORT NEWS - Edward Henry Jenkins, 72, a former employee of NASA, died July 2, 2005. A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 6, in Peninsula Memorial Park. Arrangements by W. J. Smith & Son Funeral Home.

RALPH PHILIP BIELAT



HAMPTON - Ralph Philip Bielat, 85, a retired NASA employee, died Wednesday, June 15, 2005, in his home.

Mr. Bielat was an Aeronautical Engineer, retiring as Assistant Head of the eight Foot Transonic Aerodynamics Branch in 1980 after nearly 37 years of service. He began his career with the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics in 1941.

A peninsula resident since 1941, Mr. Bielat was a native of Moodus, Conn. He graduated from Nathan Hale High School in 1937, and earned his bachelor of science degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1941.

Ralph was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, and was a member of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, and the Engineers Club of the Virginia Peninsula. He was also a past member and past president of the former Wythe Protective Association.

Mr. Bielat was preceded in death by his loving wife of 54 years, Grace W. Bielat; daughter, Sharon Ann Bielat, his parents and two brothers. He is survived by his son, Bobby Bielat and his wife, Sally; daughters, Martha B. Wall and her husband, Greg, and Cheri Berryman and her husband, Ron; and four grandchildren, Drew Berryman, Ryan, Stacy and Michael Bielat.

A Mass of the Resurrection will be conducted 11 a.m. Saturday, June 18, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church by Rev. Paul Holt. The family will receive friends 6 to 7 p.m. Friday at Parklawn-Wood Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church Building Fund, 2114 Bay Avenue, Hampton, VA 23661 or to a favorite charity.

Arrangements are under the care of Parklawn-Wood Funeral Home, 2551 North Armistead Avenue, Hampton.

IN MEMORIAM

Vernon McGregor Batson

Vernon McGregor Batson, 64, died June 5. Born in Wilmington, N.C., Batson graduated from North Carolina State University with a degree in electrical engineering. He was employed with Langley Research Center as a research engineer from 1962 until his retirement in 1998.

Charlotte Barker Craidon

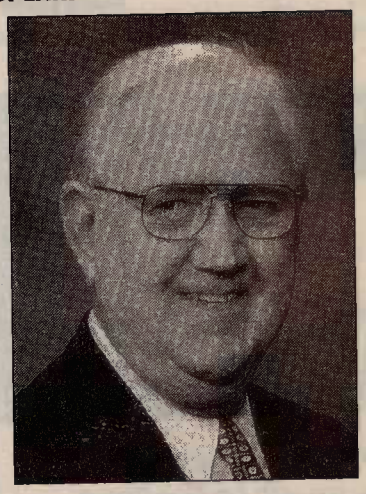
Charlotte Barker Craidon, 80, died June 3. A native of Atkins, Ark., Craidon retired from NASA and was a volunteer with the Virginia Living Museum for many years.

Richard H. Raring

Richard H. Raring, 91, died June 5. Born and raised in Pennsylvania, Raring had a bachelor's degree in metallurgy from Lehigh University and a master's degree from the University of Maryland.

Employment included positions with the American Chain Company, Jones & Laughlin Steel Company, the Naval Aircraft Factory, Naval Research Lab, National Research Council, NACA and NASA. Raring retired from Langley Research Center in 1973.

JACK C. SPEARS



NEWPORT NEWS - Jack C. Spears, 85, a native of South Boston and a Peninsula resident most of his life, died Monday, June 27, 2005.

Mr. Spears retired from NASA in 1982 as a research engineering technician. He was a veteran of World War II, having served in the Army Air Corps. He was a 50-year Mason and member of Bremond Lodge #241.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church, where he served as trustee, chairman of the administrative board, chairman of the finance committee, Sunday School superintendent, president of the men's club and was active with a number of committees in the church.

Mr. Spears was also a volunteer income tax assistant with the IRS for more than 15 years and worked with the Financial Counselor Volunteer Program of the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service.

Preceded in death by his wife, Natalie M. Spears, he is survived by his son, D. Blake Spears and his partner, Lanz Lowen, of Oakland, Calif.; a brother, George Spears of Richmond; nieces, Rebecca Wright and husband, Nicholas, of Virginia Beach, Martha Ann Sawyer and husband, Roger, of Christiansburg and Ann Caldwell and husband, William, of South Boston; nephews, Charles Spears Jr. and Randolph Spears; and his sister-in-law, Dorothy Moore of Dare.

A memorial service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday in First United Methodist Church by the Rev. John T. LeGault. Interment will be private. The family will receive friends at church after the service.

Memorials may take the form of contributions to First United Methodist Church, 10246 Warwick Blvd., Newport News, VA 23601.

Peninsula Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

WILLIAM DORTON LEONARD

KILL DEVIL HILLS, N.C. - William Dorton Leonard, 84, died Saturday, June 18, 2005, at a Nags Head medical facility. Mr. Leonard was born in Kingsport, Tenn. and processed materials for NASA at Langley AFB. He was a veteran having served in the U.S. Navy. He was the son of the late William Delaney Leonard and the widower of Shirley Moore Leonard.

His survivors include four sons, William D. Leonard of Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Keith D. Leonard of Wanchese, Walter Allen Leonard and Charles P. Leonard, both of Kill Devil Hills; one sister, Eloise Thompson of Kingsport; 13 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be private. Twiford Funeral Home, Manteo, assisted the family. Visit www.twifordfh.com to sign the online register.

KENNETH PAUL RESLER

POQUOSON - Kenneth Paul Resler, 89, passed away Sunday, July 10, 2005. Born July 2, 1916, in Converse, Ind., he had been a Poquoson resident for more than 50 years. After working at Newport News Shipyard in the foundry department, he retired from the security force at N.A.S.A. He was a World War II Army veteran and attended the Church of God of Prophecy in Smithfield.

Mr. Resler was preceded in death by his wife of 43 years, Della Topping Resler, and his parents, Nellie Marie Miller and William C. Resler.

He is survived by a brother, Charles H. Resler of Kokomo, Ind.; and many nieces, nephews and cousins, including, from the Peninsula area, Delores Topping Belford, Roxie Jean Carmines Luthie, Sylvia Berry Blair and Ivy Cecil Topping Jr.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Claytor Rollins Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home chapel by the Rev. Tony Sandy and the Rev. Lonnie Correll. Burial will follow at Parklawn Memorial Park, Hampton, with military honors.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Poquoson Rescue Squad, 830 Poquoson Ave., Poquoson, VA 23662.

IRENE BLACK COLLINS

YORKTOWN - Irene Black Collins passed away at home Monday, July 11, 2005. She was born in Cumberland County, N.C., and came from a large family of 11 children. She lived on the Peninsula for 62 years.

Mrs. Collins retired from the Financial Management Division, NASA Langley Research Center, after 31 years of service. She was a charter member of Immanuel Baptist Church and a member of the Estelle Sunday School Class. She was recognized by the Peninsula Chapter of "The Compassionate Friends" for her many years of dedicated service and heartfelt compassion to numerous bereaved parents. Irene was an avid gardener and often loved to cook and entertain her family, friends and co-workers.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur G. Zeigler; son, Arthur G. Zeigler Jr.; and her parents, Mary and Jerome Black.

Mrs. Collins is survived by her daughter, Joyce A. Zeigler of Yorktown; her grandson, Michael H. Wirt and his wife, Elizabeth, and her great-grandchildren, Jennifer Wirt and Mikey Wirt, all of Gloucester; her sisters, Peggy Pate and Sue Killam, both of Fayetteville, N.C.; and many nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 13, at W. J. Smith & Son Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 14, at the funeral home with the Rev. Thomas H. Everett officiating. Burial will follow at 2:30 p.m. in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Richmond.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Eugene Link and his staff, Personal-Touch Hospice and all of her caregivers for their devotion and support.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Immanuel Baptist Church "Build Faith, Faith Builds" Building Fund, 69 Saunders Road, Newport News, VA 23601.

Arrangements by W. J. Smith & Son Funeral Home.

TIMOTHY LEE KOENIG

HAMPTON - Timothy Lee Koenig, 27, died Thursday, Aug. 25, 2005. A beloved father and husband, he was employed by NASA.

Survivors include his wife, Victoria Koenig; his son, Nivek Timothy Koenig; his daughter, Julia Anne Koenig; his father and step-mother, Mark E. and Karen Kokubun Koenig; his mother and step-father, Lordes Cruz and Jim Spears; his brothers, Christopher, Jonathan and Ryan Koenig and A.J. Spears; his sister, Mallory Koenig; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Alicia and Daniel J. Kaschalk; and several nieces and nephews.

We will always cherish the good memories and you will always be in our hearts.

A memorial service will be conducted at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 2, at the Norfolk Naval Base chapel.

Edward Henry Jenkins

Edward Henry Jenkins, 72, died July 2. He was a former employee of NASA and a longtime resident of the Peninsula.

William Dorton Leonard

William Dorton Leonard, 84, died June 18 at a Nags Head medical facility. Leonard was born in Kingsport, Tenn., and was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. Leonard processed materials for NASA at Langley Air Force Base.

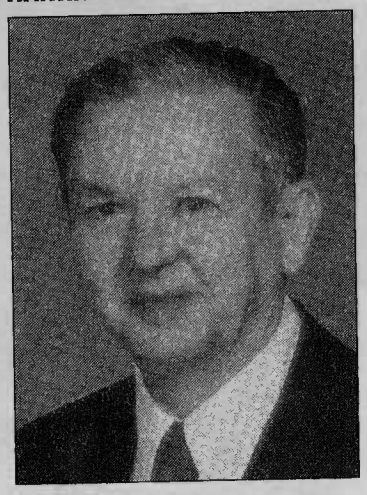
Jack C. Spears

Jack C. Spears, 85, died June 27. He was a native of South Boston and a Peninsula resident most of his life. Spears was a veteran of World War II, having served in the Army Air Corps. He retired from NASA in 1982 as a research engineering technician.

Edward Swanson

Edward Swanson died June 19. Born in Minneapolis, Minn., he had been a Hampton, Va., resident from 1970 until moving to Pennsylvania in 1994. He returned to Virginia in 2004, settling in Lanexa. Swanson was an aeronautical engineer with LTV/Kentron/PRC, a NASA contractor, from 1970 until retiring in 1990.

T.W. EDMUND HANKINSON



HAMPTON - Thomas William Edmund Hankinson, 90, of Hampton, died Tuesday, July 19, 2005. He was born Oct. 20, 1914, in Quincy, Mass.

He entered Georgia Tech as a co-op student in 1939 and graduated, with honors, with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering in 1944. After graduation, he worked for NACA and remained in their employment when they became NASA. He retired from government service in 1981.

He was a member and life deacon of Hampton Baptist Church where he was the treasurer for 43 years and was later named treasurer emeritus.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Marion S. Hankinson; daughter, Jeanne H. LeFoe and her husband, Hunter, of Williamston, N.C.; two grandchildren, Grant and Lauren LeFoe, also of Williamston; sister, Louise H. Borland and her husband, Robert, of Silver Creek, N.Y.; niece, Brenda H. Stephenson and her husband, Warren, of California; nephew, John Hall and his wife, Joan, of Massachusetts; and several cousins in England.

Expressions of sympathy may be made in the form of contributions to the TWE Hankinson memorial fund of Hampton Baptist Church.

A funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, July 22, at Hampton Baptist Church by Dr. Chester Brown with the burial immediately following in Parklawn Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 21, at Parklawn-Wood Funeral Home.

Arrangements are under the care of Parklawn-Wood Funeral Home, 2551 N. Armistead Ave., Hampton.

WALTER THOMAS WELLER

VIRGINIA BEACH - Walter Thomas Weller, 84, died Sunday, July 24, 2005, at Bay Pointe Medical Center in Virginia Beach of complications of Parkinsonism. Mr. Weller was a Norfolk native whose family's roots were in Berkley and South Norfolk. He was the son of the late Joseph and Adeline McGrath Weller.

A graduate of Maury High School, he received his bachelor of science degree in engineering from Indiana Institute of Technology in Fort Wayne, Ind. He was a veteran of World War II and saw action in the European Theatre while serving in the artillery unit of the U.S. Army's 66th Infantry.

Returning to Tidewater after the war, he settled in Hampton and was employed as an electrical and aeronautical/space engineer at the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, which later became NASA. He was responsible for calibration of the instruments on the first airplane to break the sound barrier and was recognized in the Smithsonian Institute for that. He was employed at NASA Langley, for 30 years before retiring in 1975.

During his 40 years in Hampton, 25 of which he lived in the Riverdale neighborhood, he was an active member of First United Methodist Church and a Tuesday night bowling league. In retirement, he personally built a vacation home at Greene Mountain Lake in Stanardsville, Va.

In 1985, after the death of his first wife, he moved to Virginia Beach and lived the past 20 years at Harbor Gate Condominium at Lynnhaven Inlet where he will be remembered for his willingness to help and his infectious smile. He enjoyed golf and bridge and was a member of Broad Bay Country Club.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, June Knapp Weller, and a sister, Dorothy Powers.

He is survived by his second wife, Virginia Mahler, and her family; daughter and son-in-law, Ginny and Ron Williams; two stepsons, George Mahler of Columbia, Md., and William Mahler of Allentown, Pa.; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his two daughters, Patricia Wigginton and husband, Jim, of Rockville, Md., and Pamela Weller and fiancé, Paul Damron, of Newport News; two grandsons, Paul Weller of Dania, Fla., and Jonathan Wigginton of Rockville, Md.; and his sister's children.

A graveside service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 27, at Hampton National Cemetery, Hampton Section, by the Rev. Cheryl Rhodes.

Friends are encouraged to visit www.mem.com to share tributes or words of comfort with the family.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations to Parkinson's Disease Research Center of Johns Hopkins University Medical Center, 600 N. Wolfe St., Baltimore, MD 21287, where Mr. Weller is a research subject, or to Norfolk Catholic Worker, 38th St., Norfolk, VA.

Arrangements are under the care of Parklawn-Wood Funeral Home, 2551 N. Armistead Ave., Hampton, Va.

IN MEMORIAM

Harry Hamlin Ricker, Jr.

Harry H. Ricker, Jr., 88, died Aug. 4. After graduating from Drexel University, Ricker joined NACA where he designed aeronautical instruments during World War II. In 1959, Ricker was among the first group of engineers assigned to NASA's Space Task Group, which later become the manned space program. He worked on the Mercury, Gemini and Apollo projects before leaving the manned space program to stay at Langley.

Evelyn Drummond Wallace

Evelyn D. Wallace, 86, died Aug. 6. A native of the Eastern Shore, she was a longtime Fox Hill resident and was retired from NASA after a long career.

CLEVELAND GORDEN HALL

NEWPORT NEWS - Cleveland Gorden Hall, 81, beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, died Monday, July 25, 2005, at Riverside Regional Medical Center in the presence of his family. He was born May 10, 1924, in Richmond, Va.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Cleveland and Marian Shepherd Hall, and son-in-law, Kenneth B. Long.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Mary Bay Hall, whom he married on Sept. 13, 1947; one son, Linwood G. Hall and his fiancée, Robin Beck, of Portsmouth, Va.; a daughter, Marilyn Long of Staunton, Va.; daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Jonathan Michie of Hampton, Va.; grandchildren, Lance G. Ayers of Atlanta, Ga., Joshua Michie (and Denna Fowler) of Newport News, Va., Mary Lynn (and Dale) Bonney of Portsmouth, Heather Michie (and Bobby Mathews) of Hampton, Brad (and Kasi) Long of Staunton; great-grandchildren, Kimberly Michie, Cameron Fowler and Katlynn Michie; and cousins, retired Commander Herbert Tilley of Santa Monica, Calif., Alese Higgs of Newport News and Mary Ann Hadley of Swansboro, N.C.

Cleve graduated from Glen Allen High School, Richmond, in 1941. He attended the University of Richmond and graduated from the Newport News Apprentice School in 1948 after serving in the United States Navy as an EMC3 on board the USS Stephen Potter and the USS Renville. He was employed by NACA at Langley Field, Va., from 1948 until his retirement in 1979.

Cleve was an active member of Hilton Baptist Church, serving as life deacon, member of the adult choir, choral director for Happy Hearts and member of the Singing Saints. In past years, he enjoyed traveling with the youth mission team, teaching Sunday School and being an R.A. leader. He was an active member of his community, serving as a past volunteer for Contact Peninsula, participating in the Lion's Club Variety Show and serving as a docent at The Mariners' Museum.

He was a member and past president of the Warwick Ruritan Club, 50-year member of Bremond Lodge #241, Scottish Rite, Khedive Temple of Chesapeake, Peninsula Shrine Club serving as a member of the Oriental Band and a member of Gideons International.

Many people have been touched by Cleve's love of life and playful spirit. He loved to travel and he loved to dance. He will be missed by young and old alike.

The family will receive friends from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 27, in Riverside-Altmeyer Funeral Home, 7415 River Road, Newport News. A funeral service will be conducted at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, July 28, in Hilton Baptist Church, 101 Main St., Newport News, by the Rev. Lynwood Wells. Interment will follow in Peninsula Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to Hilton Baptist Church Youth Mission Ministries or a charity of your choice.

Irene B. Collins

Irene Black Collins died July 11. She was born in Cumberland County, N.C., and lived on the Peninsula for 62 years. Collins retired from Langley Research Center's Financial Management Divisionafter 31 years of service.

Louise P. Freeman

Louise Paul Freeman died July 18. Freeman was born in Pike Road, N.C. but lived in Hampton, Va. for a number of years. She was employed by NACA, and retired from government service in 1965.

Thomas W. E. Hankinson

Thomas William Edmund Hankinson, 90, died July 19. Born in Quincy, Mass., Hankinson worked for NACA, and remained in their employment when they became NASA, until he retired from government service in 1981.

Richard D. Hansen

Richard D. Hansen, 76, died July 7. Hansen was born in Bedford, Ind., and spent over 30 years serving as an officer in the U.S. Air Force. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War, and was the last Air Force physician to leave Vietnam at the end of the war in 1973. Hansen became medical director of the Langley Research Center Clinic in 1984 and held this position until 1998.

Lowell H. Lawson

Lowell Lawson, 74, died July 16. Lawson was an Air Force veteran of over 24 years. After retiring from the Air Force, Lawson worked at Langley Research Center for 15 years before retiring.

Kenneth P. Resler

Kenneth Paul Resler, 89, died July 10. Resler was born in Converse, Ind., and was a Poquoson, Va. resident for more than 50 years. Resler was a World War II Army veteran and retired from the NASA security force after many years of service.

HARRY HAMLIN RICKER JR.

NEWPORT NEWS - Harry Hamlin Ricker Jr., 88, of Newport News, Va., electrical engineer and NASA space pioneer, died Aug. 4, 2005. Harry was born and grew up in Philadelphia, Pa., where his parents, Harry Sr. and Cora, owned a grocery store. He had a brother, Nelson, deceased, and is survived by his two sisters, Julia Wood and Barbara Ricker.

After he graduated from Drexel University, he joined NACA Langley Field, where he designed aeronautical instruments during World War II. After the war, he helped found the Hastings-Raydist Company of Hampton, Va. In the mid-1950s he helped develop the Faget Plan, which was the foundation for NASA's manned space program. In 1959, he was the among first group of engineers assigned to NASA's Space Task Group, which later become the manned space program. He worked on the Mercury, Gemini and Apollo projects before leaving the manned space program to stay at Langley. Later, he worked on the Viking Project, NASA's first Mars landing, and other deep space probes.

Harry is survived by his wife of almost 60 years, Edith Slayton Ricker; three children, Harry H. Ricker III of Germantown, Md., Richard E. Ricker of Darnestown, Md., and Donald C. Ricker of Richmond, Va.; and five grandchildren. The family lived in the Riverside section of Newport News and attended St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Hilton Village.

Harry enjoyed traveling, historic places and was fascinated by science. He taught his children to seek the truth with honesty and passion and he employed this philosophy in his work and life.

The funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9, at St. Andrews Church in Hilton with arrangements by Peninsula Funeral Home.

IN MEMORIAM

Elliott Burgess

Elliott "Nelson" Burgess, 58, died July 27. A lifelong resident of the Hampton/Newport News area, Burgess also was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, serving during the Vietnam War. After leaving the U.S. Marine Corps, he began his career with NASA Langley Research Center as a lieutenant security officer for 30 years.

Cleveland Gorden Hall

Cleveland Gorden Hall, 81, died July 25. Born in Richmond, Va., Hall graduated from the Newport News Apprentice School in 1948 after serving in the United States Navy on board the USS Stephen Potter and the USS Renville. He was employed by NACA at Langley Field, Va., from 1948 until his retirement in 1979.

Annie Jones Mason

Annie Jones Mason, 57, died July 27. Mason, a longtime resident of Hampton Roads, was employed at NASA for eight years.

Walter Thomas Weller

Walter Thomas Weller, 84, died July 24. Weller was a veteran of World War II and saw action in the European Theater as part of an artillery unit in the U.S. Army. Returning to Hampton after the war, Weller became employed as an electrical and aeronautical/ space engineer at the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA), which later became NASA.

LAWRENCE J. BOUR

WILLIAMSBURG - Lt. Colonel (USA-Ret.) Lawrence J. Bour, 86, formerly of Scranton, Pa., died Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2005, in Williamsburg, Va. He fought in many service theaters in World War II and received numerous awards, including the Purple Heart and Silver Stars for gallantry in action. He was primarily attached to the 16th Infantry Division of the First Army (Big Red One), and received a meritorious honorable discharge. His work in the Army's operational intelligence area led him to a post-Army career with NASA, where he was responsible for the personal security of many of the early astronauts. He received a number of commendations for outstanding performance.

Mr. Bour was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth Jean. He is survived by children, Kathy, of Wisconsin, Richard, of Texas and Steven; and five grandchildren.

A graveside funeral service with full honors will be held 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 28, at Arlington National Cemetery.

Bucktrout of Williamsburg is in charge of the arrangements.

JAMES LAFAYETTE HASSELL JR.

RICHMOND - James Lafayette Hassell, Jr. passed away Aug. 23, 2005, at his home in Richmond.

He was born in Edenton, N.C., on Feb. 17, 1923. He was the son of the late James Lafayette Hassell Sr. and Elizabeth Wiggins Hassell of Edenton and the brother of the late Jasper Wiggins Hassell.

His wife, Carolyn Phalen Hassell, precedes him in death.

He is survived by four children, James Martin Hassell of Hampton, Va., Joseph Phalen Hassell of Richmond, Va., John David Hassell of Washington, D.C., and Mary Dolores Hassell of Alexandria, Va. A daughter-in-law, Janice Rossi Hassell, two grandchildren, Nicholas Hassell and Olivia Hassell, also survive him, and two sisters-in-law, Betsy Shepard Hassell of Chowan County, N.C., and Dolores Phalen Lescure of Staunton, Va.

A 1947 graduate of North Carolina State University and a veteran of World War II, he served in the U.S. Army and Army Air Corps for four years. He served as an aeronautical engineer for NASA for more than 35 years. He was a recipient of the President's achievement award for his aeronautical work. He was co-inventor of the black box technology and worked on the X15 program among numerous others.

He retired in 1979 to his home in Gloucester County, where he pursued his passion for volunteering and fishing, gardening and traveling with his beloved wife, Carolyn. He was past president of the Lion's Club in Gloucester, Va., and first ever recipient of the Lion's Club humanitarian award. He was a former Scoutmaster of Troop 142 in Hampton, former president of the Willow Oaks Civic League and a volunteer with the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities. He was an avid genealogist, a member of the Tyrrell County, N.C., Genealogical Association and author of several books. He was an active member of Gayton Baptist Church and a member of its Sojourners study group.

The passions in his life were his love of life, his family and friends and his dog, Yen. He loved history and learning and never failed to offer a smile or assistance to anyone he came in contact with.

Visitation with the family will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26, at Bennett Funeral Home, 11020 West Broad St., Richmond. Funeral services will be at noon Saturday, Aug. 27, at Gayton Baptist Church.

The family requests expressions of sympathy to be donations to Gayton Baptist Church, Building the Future Fund, 13501 North Gayton Road, Richmond, VA 23233.

FRANCES L. POWELL

YORKTOWN - Frances L. Powell, 84, died Saturday, Aug. 20, 2005, at Riverside Regional Medical Center.

Frances was a lifelong resident of the Peninsula and graduated from Newport News High School. She retired from NASA in 1976 after 35 years of service. She was a member of the Eastern Star Chapter 110 in Yorktown and was past guardian of Bethel Lodge #31 and #39 of the International Order of Job's Daughters. Frances was a member of Northside Christian Church and was active with the Philothian Bible Class.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Sidney Lee Powell; two brothers, William and Paul Lochstampfor; and a sister, Angel Lochstampfor.

She is survived by a brother, John G. Lochstampfor Jr. and his wife, Mildred, of Seaford; a sister, Marian L. Scruggs of Newport News; and a sister-in-law, Myrtle Glenn of Hampton; and many nieces and nephews.

Frances and her husband, Sidney, helped and touched the lives of many in their lifetime, in addition to the many family members. They strived to help others.

A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24, at Northside Christian Church with the Rev. Larry Jones officiating. Interment will follow at Peninsula Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23, in Amory Funeral Home, Grafton.

Memorial donations may be made to Northside Christian Church, 1300 George Washington Memorial Highway, Yorktown, VA 23692.

BRYANT LEE JOHNSON

HAMPTON - Bryant Lee Johnson, 83, passed away Thursday, Sept. 8, 2005. Born in Union Level, Va., Bryant was an Army Veteran of World War II, a retired mechanical engineer at NASA, and a former member of the Hampton Yacht Club.

Bryant was preceded in death by his beloved wife, "Trot." He is survived by his son, Richard W.P. Johnson of Hampton; and a daughter Ann Petty Johnson of Richmond; and many friends. Services will be private. In lieu of flowers the family request donations be made to the American Red Cross.

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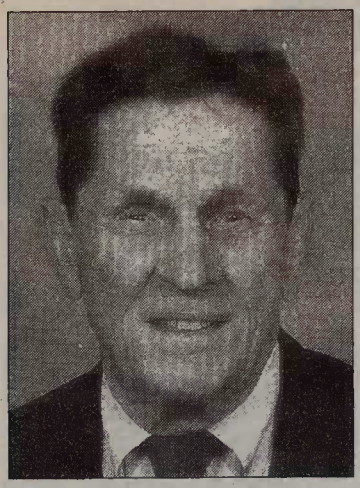

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His wife, Carolyn Phalen Hassell, precedes him in death.

He is survived by four children, James Martin Hassell of Hampton, Va., Joseph Phalen Hassell of Richmond, Va., John David Hassell of Washington, D.C., and Mary Dolores Hassell of Alexandria, Va. A daughter-in-law, Janice Rossi Hassell, two grandchildren, Nicholas Hassell and Olivia Hassell, also survive him, and two sisters-in-law, Betsy Shepard Hassell of Chowan County, N.C., and Dolores Phalen Lescure of Staunton, Va.

A 1947 graduate of North Carolina State University and a veteran of World War II, he served in the U.S. Army and Army Air Corps for four years. He served as an aeronautical engineer for NASA for more than 35 years. He was a recipient of the President's achievement award for his aeronautical work. He was co-inventor of the black box technology and worked on the X15 program among numerous others.

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LEIGH K. LEWIS

NEWPORT NEWS - Leigh Kneeland Lewis passed away to be with his Savior on Wednesday Aug. 24, 2005. Leigh was born in Swathmore, Pa., on September 22, 1919, to Dr. George W. and Myrtle Harvey Lewis. He has lived in Newport News for 64 years and retired from NASA after 37 years of service in the Contract Support Unit. Following retirement he was an active volunteer for many years in the Emergency Room at Riverside Regional Medical Center. He was a member of Community Bible Church where he served as a deacon, usher and treasurer.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Viola E. Lewis; two daughters and their husbands, Margaret L. Shumate and Alvin D. of East Earl, Pa., and Susan L. Ratts and James R. of Hurst, Texas; one granddaughter and her husband, Deborah Kerchner and Brent; and one great-granddaughter, Ashley Mae Kerchner, all of Ephrata, Pa. Leigh was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Alfred, Harvey, George and Armin; and one sister, Norlaine Senasack.

He loved his family and his dogs. He enjoyed time spent working outdoors, especially in his yard and garage.

A graveside service will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 27 at Peninsula Memorial Park with the Rev. Neil Ross officiating. Please use the Warwick Boulevard entrance.

The family would like to express their warmest thanks to the Chesapeake and Warwick Units at Riverside Regional Convalescent Center for the care and compassion Leigh received during his time there.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Peninsula Rescue Mission, 3700 Huntington Ave., Newport News, VA 23607 or Community Bible Church, 633 Harpersville Rd, Newport News, VA 23601.

Arrangements by W.J. Smith & Son Funeral Home.

WILLIAM ANTHONY KING

HAMPTON - William Anthony King, 80, retired NASA Engineer, died Monday, Sept. 5, 2005. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements by R. Hayden Smith Funeral Home.

He loved his family and his dogs. He enjoyed time spent working outdoors, especially in his yard and garage.

A graveside service will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 27 at Peninsula Memorial Park with the Rev. Neil Ross

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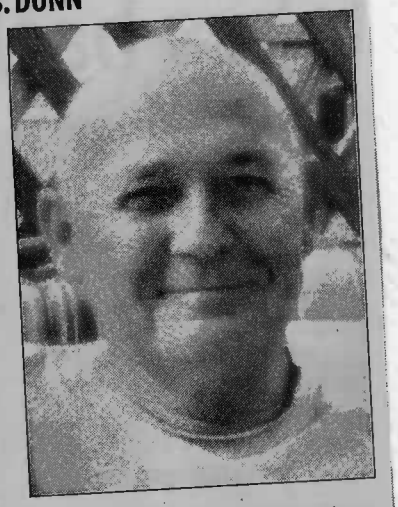


NEWPORT NEWS - Willie "Bill" S. Dunn, 63, died Saturday, Sept. 10, 2005, at home. He was a lifelong resident of Newport News.

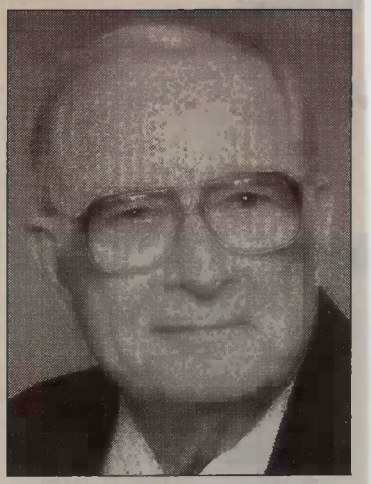
Mr. Dunn retired in July, 2005 as a construction inspector for NASA. He was an avid bowler.

Survivors include his wife, Jennie L. Dunn; three daughters, Laura Worrell of Gloucester, Sherry Matthews and Heather Blewy, both of Newport News; one son, John Sterling of Virginia Beach; two sisters, Shelby Ballard of Newport News and Julia Dunlap of Tennessee; one brother, Bobby Dunn of Hampton; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, at Peninsula Funeral Home. A funeral service will follow at 7:30 p.m., conducted by the Rev. Jerry Moore.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 895 Middle Ground Blvd., Suite 154, Newport News, VA 23606.

SHIRLEY S. HOGGE



HAMPTON - Shirley S. Hogge, 88, died Sept. 2, 2005. Shirley, a local Hampton artist for more than 60 years, has art that is represented in private and corporate collections all over the country.

Shirley illustrated political, sports and historical cartoons for the Daily Press, Richmond Times Dispatch and the Virginia Beach Sun. He illustrated a children's book for The Mariners' Museum and a national syndicated newspaper cartoon. Shirley was art director for the Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth during World War II, making production, morals, safety and bond posters. Shirley's art work includes international and national leaders such as Sir Winston Churchill, Lord Louis Mountbatten, Admiral King, Mrs. James Doolittle and other prominent sport, political and military personalities. Shirley's watercolors of a changing phase of Hampton's history is treasured by many local collectors.

He was a technical illustrator for NACA Langley Research Center, art director for the U.S. Army Recruiting Command and art director for Technical Operations Research at Fort Monroe and Fort Belvoir.

After retiring in 1973, Shirley and his wife, Agnes, ran their business, Shirley's Art Centre in Hampton for many years.

Shirley was a 50-year member of Masonic Lodge 197 in Hampton and a Paul Harris Fellow in the Rotary Club of Hampton. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Wesley Men's Bible Class and a member of the Wednesday Prayer Breakfast held at the Oasis Restaurant in Hampton, the Hampton Arts League, Hampton History Museum and the Hampton Heritage Foundation.

Shirley had a love for life and people. He believed in family and was always there for them.

Shirley leaves to cherish their life together, his beloved wife of more than 66 years, Agnes Stutt Hogge; one beautiful person, his daughter, Shirley Ann Stacey and husband, Milton; three grandchildren, Robert Hatcher, Theodore (Ted) Hatcher and Michele Denise Hanson and husband, Cameron; and two great-grandchildren, Brandon and Nicole Hatcher; one sister, Mildred Nelson of Hampton; many nieces and nephews and his extended families.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, a brother and two sisters.

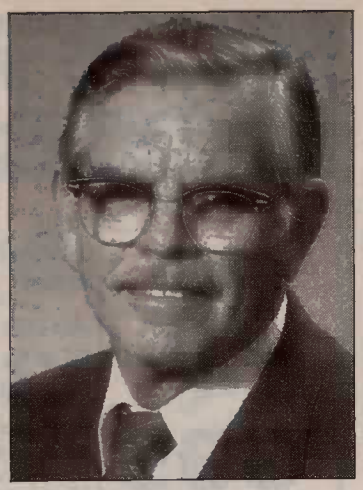
The family would like to thank the staff at Riverside Convalescent Center on Algonquin Road, Hampton, for all their love and tender care they gave Shirley.

Friends may visit from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 4, at R. Hayden Smith Funeral Home in Hampton. A funeral service will be conducted at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 5, at R. Hayden Smith Funeral Home, followed by interment with Masonic Rites at Parklawn Memorial Park.

In Shirley's memory, memorial donations may be made to First United Methodist Church, 110 E. Queen St., Hampton, VA 23669.

Everyone is welcomed after the funeral to meet at the home of Shirley and Milton Stacey, 128 LaSalle Ave., Hampton, Va.

CLAUDE WILLIAMS COFFEE JR.



NEWPORT NEWS - Claude Coffee Jr., 84, beloved husband, father, and friend died on Wednesday morning, Sept. 7, 2005, after a courageous battle with cancer and heart disease. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Bess Newbern Coffee; his daughters, Martin Coffee and Jane Evans; and grandchildren, Andrew and Laura.

He was born in Sanford, Fla. on Feb. 24, 1921, and grew up in the Miami area; often spending his boyhood summers camped on the beach. He graduated from the University of Florida in 1942 with a BS Engineering, where he was in the ROTC-Cavalry. He joined the U.S. Army Air Corps and served during World War II. After the war, he returned to Florida and received an additional engineering degree before moving to Newport News in 1947 to work for NASA (then NACA).

Claude worked for NASA for 38 years during the exciting times of the country's early space exploration. He served as project manager on eight unmanned space flights-he loved to be joined by his family on launches from Cape Canaveral. He worked on Echo 1, one of the nation's first satellites, and received NASA's Exceptional Service Medal for his work with the Injun-Hawkeye Explorer Satellites, collaborating with Dr. Van Allen on his important work.

Claude was a 32nd degree Scottish rite mason, and was very active in the local Mariner 215 AF&AM lodge. He was past master of the lodge and a past District Deputy Grand Master.

Claude was a member of the U.S. Army reserves, retiring as a Lt. Colonel, and was the former battalion commander of the 3rd Howitzer Battalion, 36th Field Artillery.

After retiring in 1985, Claude kept busy. He volunteered at the Virginia Living Museum for 15 years, and was a frequent visitor to the local wellness center. He was always willing to lend a hand to friends and family-helping with a project, baking a cake, or just offering his unassuming intelligence to any problem shared. Many will miss him.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. tonight at Peninsula Funeral Home. A funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, at the funeral home with burial to follow in Peninsula Memorial Park.

The family requests that memorials be made to the Virginia Living Museum, 524 J. Clyde Morris Blvd., Newport News, VA 23601 or Riverside Hospice, 11815 Rock Landing Drive, Newport News, VA 23606.

IN MEMORIAM

Lawrence J. Bour

Lawrence J. Bour, 86, died Aug. 24. A retired Lieutenant Colonel, Lewis fought in many service theaters in World War II and received numerous awards, including the Purple Heart and Silver Stars for gallantry in action. His work in the Army's operational intelligence area led him to a post-Army career with NASA, where he was responsible for the personal security of many of the astronauts. Formerly of Scranton, Pa., Bour was a long-time resident of Hampton Roads.

James L. Hassell

James Lafayette Hassell, Jr., passed away on Aug. 23. Born in Edenton, N.C., Hassell was a veteran of World War II, having served in the U.S. Army and Army Air Corps for four years. Following his military service, Hassell served as an aeronautical engineer for NASA for over 35 years. He was a recipient of the President's achievement award for his aeronautical work. He was co-inventor of the black box technology and worked on the X-15 program among numerous others. He retired in 1979 to his home in Gloucester County.

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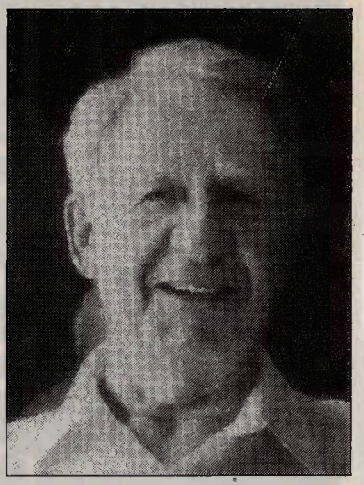

HAMPTON - William A. King, 80, known to all as "Bill," passed away Monday, Sept. 5, 2005, in the comfort of his own home and in the company of family and friends.

Bill had a life that books are written about. He was born to Mary Catherine and James King on March 7, 1925, in Pittsburgh, Pa. He was a child of the Great Depression who lost his father at the age of 14. Taken under the wing of a patron, Harry G. Bogler, at the Butler Street Boys Club in Pittsburgh, he learned to build model airplanes there. Mr. Bogler saw the potential of his intellect and arranged for him to travel to Virginia where, in time, he was employed by NACA, now NASA, in their apprentice program.

He had a remarkable professional career with the Mercury Space missions and related research. He and his favorite engineer, Dick Adams, were chosen by NASA in 1965, to participate in the Rockwell Polar Flight around the World over the North and South poles. This world record flight earned him a place in aviation history. His employment also included Hulchers and Modern Machine and Tool in Newport News.

Bill's favorite saying was, "I was employed; I never worked for anyone." His work was the way he measured his own success in life.

Not that he had a moment of idle hands, he with other young men in 1941-1942, joined together to form the Langley Model Airplane Club at Langley Field in Hampton. His model airplanes were his passion. He remained a member for his lifetime.

In the years when his family was young, he spent his leisure time at "The Club," eating crabs and driving his boat on the York River.

After his second retirement, he became a docent at the Virginia Air and Space Center, earning the Docent of the Year award for 2004. He loved talking about airplanes and space travel.

His other love was enjoying his later years with his sweetheart and dancing partner, Dixie Roberts of Hampton, who survives him.

His wife, Billie Marie King, preceded him in death on Sept. 5, 1998.

He is survived by his daughter, Victoria K. Powell of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and her son, Bill's grandson, Christopher S. Powell and wife, Carolyn, and their sons, Eric and Kevin Powell of Wappingers Falls, N.Y. He is survived by Victoria's son, Bill's grandson, David J. Powell and his wife, Kristina, of Seneca Falls, N.Y.

He is survived by his daughter, Cecelia A. Duke and her husband, Charles Duke, and their son, Bill's grandson, Jason W. Duke and Jason's daughter, Xander-Marie Duke of Hampton.

He is also survived by his brothers, James and Robert King, and their families of Pittsburgh, Pa.

A memorial celebration of William A. King's life will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18, at Fox Hill Road Baptist Church, led by Dr. Robert May.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations may be sent to the Sentara Hospice Home Care Services in his name.

CHARLES WILLIAM KNIGHT

NEWPORT NEWS - Charles William Knight, 71, died at home on Thursday, Oct. 13, 2005.

A native of Louisville, Ky., he was born on Jan. 1, 1934, to the late Carl and Aleene Knight.

Charlie was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served with the Army Nike Ajax Unit on the Peninsula in the late 1950's. He was a graduate of the DeVry Technical Institute and the NASA Langley Apprentice School. He retired from the Instrument Research Directorate at NASA in 1989. Since his retirement from NASA, he worked part time for Associated Professionals Incorporated in Newport News.

A longtime member of West Hampton Baptist Church, Hampton, he was most recently a member of North Riverside Baptist Church, Newport News, where he served on the Building and Counting committees.

Charlie is survived by his wife of 47 years, Patty; his son, Dr. Brian W. Knight of Norfolk; daughter, Cheryl and her husband, Ben Miles, of Norfolk and his first grandchild to be born in December. He is also survived by brothers, Clay Knight, Claude Knight, Goebel Knight, Buddy Knight; and sisters, Betty Creed, Nancy Moore, Bertha Spaulding, and Linda Crane.

The family will receive friends 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at Peninsula Funeral Home. A funeral service will be conducted 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16, at North Riverside Baptist Church, with Dr. Quentin Madden officiating. Interment will follow in Peninsula Memorial Park.

The family would like to thank Dr. John Mattern for his care and support during Charlie's illness. A heartfelt thanks to his special angel, Mary Evans, who helped the family care for Charlie.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the American Cancer Society, 895 Middle Ground Blvd., Newport News, VA 23606.

DAVID ADAMSON

HAMPTON - David Adamson, 85, passed away Monday, Sept. 26, 2005.

He was born May 10, 1920, in Sunderland, County Durham, England, the only son among two children of Robert and Jane Adamson. In 1940, he enrolled in King's College, Durham University, in Newcastle and studied mechanics. He was graduated in 1943, achieving the top examination score in the college for that year.

During World War II, he performed aeronautical research at the Royal Aircraft Establishment in Farnborough. After the war, he was selected for participation in a British-U.S. exchange scientist program with the National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics (NACA). He came to Hampton, where he met the love of his life, Nannie. They married in 1950.

He lectured in thermodynamics at Brown University, Providence, R.I., and worked briefly at The Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab in Silver Spring, Md. He began working at NACA, later NASA, in 1954.

During his career he worked generally in aerodynamics. He focused on high-speed aircraft and supported the Mercury project by providing a series of talks on the solar system to the seven original astronauts. He retired from NASA in 1980 but continued to contribute as a distinguished research associate until 1988.

In retirement, he and Nannie enjoyed visiting England, Scotland and Wales. They were also avid participants in square dancing in the local area. His beloved Nannie passed away in 1998.

He is survived by relatives in England, Hampton and Pensacola, Fla., and many friends and associates in Hampton, all of whom will miss him greatly.

A graveside service will be conducted at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, at the Parklawn Memorial Park by the Rev. Susan Coply of St. John's Episcopal Church in Hampton, Va.

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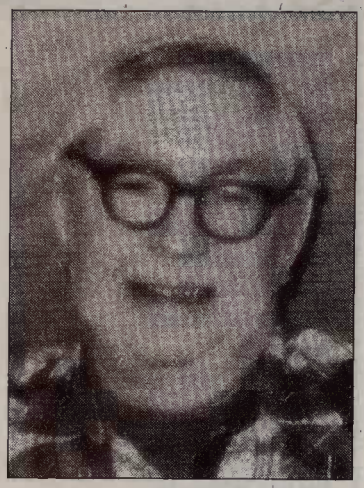
MOSES GRADY FARMER



HAMPTON - Moses Grady Farmer, 69, died Monday, Oct. 17, 2005.

Born in Goldsboro, N.C., he moved to Hampton in 1958 after graduating with a bachelor of science degree in aeronautical engineering from North Carolina State University that spring.

Mr. Farmer worked 36 years at NASA until retiring in 1994. He received the Presidential Volunteer Service Award for logging over 500 volunteer hours tutoring at Cooper Elementary Magnet School for Technology. Active for several years in the Tidewater Writer's Association, Moses also published two books of poetry. He was a communicant of St. John's Episcopal Church.

Survivors include his three brothers, John Gavin Farmer of Broadway, N.C., George Leonidas Farmer of Greensboro, N.C., and Laurance Moore Farmer of Raleigh, N.C.; two nieces and seven nephews.

A funeral service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Thursday in St. John's Episcopal Church with the Revs. Donna Mae Siderius, David M. Copley and Susan Copley officiating. Burial will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in Golden Grove Cemetery, Kenansville, N.C. The family will receive friends from 6 to 7:30 p.m. tonight in R. Hayden Smith Funeral Home.

Memorials may be in the form of contributions to St. John's Episcopal Church, 100 W. Queens Way, Hampton, 23669.

JOSEPH R. STRUHAR

HAMPTON - Joseph R. Struhar, 67, passed away Saturday, Oct. 22, 2005. He was the husband of Catherine G. Struha

The family will receive friends from to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, with a Funeral Mass to follow at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church. Burial will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Peninsula Memorial Park.

Peninsula Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

LEWIS RAY GOODRICH SR.

HAMPTON - Lewis Ray Goodrich Sr., 73, passed away Oct. 19, 2005. He was born June 4, 1932. He had been a Peninsula resident for more than 33 years. Lewis retired from the Langley Research Center.

Mr. Goodrich was preceded in death by his parents, Wilber Ray and Clara Goodrich, and one daughter, Deborah Lynn Richards.

Lewis is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Dorris Goodrich; his sons, Lewis Goodrich Jr. and wife, Bonnie Jean, of Hampton and Dennis O. Goodrich and wife, Debra, of Gloucester; daughter, Marilyn S. Beaver and husband, Michael, of Hampton; 12 grandchildren, Thomas Richards, Tanya Goodrich, Jared Richards, George and Amy Desrosiers, Michael Richards Jr., Tabatha Goodrich, Christopher Goodrich, Kimberly and Edgar Plessinger, Tara Goodrich, Tealla Goodrich, Heather Goodrich, Amber Goodrich, Brian and Amber Etheridge and Jason and Tanya Etheridge; 10 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Emma L. Carnes of Illinois.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charities of your choice.

Services will be private.

Friends are also encouraged to visit www.mem.com to share words of comfort with the family.

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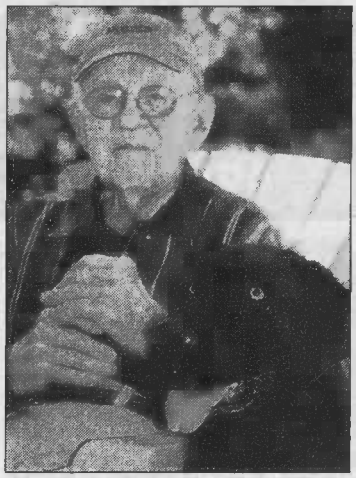
HARRY A. BARRITT SR.



HAMPTON - Harry A. Barritt Sr., a longtime Peninsula resident, passed away at his home on Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2005.

Born in Baltimore, Md. on Oct. 22, 1914, he was the oldest son of Thomas Harry and Constance D. Barritt and brother of the late Robert E. Barritt. He grew up in the Ocean View area of Norfolk and attended Maury High School. In May of 1937, he was hired at N.A.C.A., which later became NASA. Hired as an aviation metalsmith, he retired in 1973, as a section head of the West Side Wind Tunnels at Langley. In retirement, he owned and Operated Peninsula Marine Surveys, which he ran for 15 years.

He was a member of various boating organizations including, the Coast Guard Auxiliary of Newport News, the United States Power Squadron, which he was past commander and lifetime member, Hampton Yacht Club, which he also was a past commodore, with membership more than 40 years and was a longtime member of the NASA Supervisor's Club. He was also a member of First Methodist Church in downtown Hampton.

Mr. Barritt was preceded in death by his two wives, Flora Haynes Barritt and Lallie Bradford Barritt.

He is survived by his sons, Harry A. Barritt Jr. and wife, Susan R. Barritt, of Newport News, C.W. Bradford and wife, Pauline Bradford, of Suffolk and Michael O. Bradford of Suffolk; his grandchildren, Connie Barritt Grizzard, Bryce Haynes Barritt, Elizabeth Carrie Smith, W. Tilford Smith III and Doug, Cindy and Amy Bradford; four great-grandchildren; his brother, O.R. Barritt and wife, Virginia, of Norfolk; and sister-in-law, Shirley Barritt of Southern Shores, N.C.

A special thanks to the loving care provided by Dona Beckner over the past two years.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23, at Peninsula Funeral Home. A funeral service will be conducted 11 a.m. Monday, at the funeral home with burial to follow in Peninsula Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hampton Yacht Club Junior Program, 4707 Victoria Blvd., Hampton, VA 23669.

THOMAS R. DIGGS SR.

POQUOSON - Thomas R. Diggs Sr., 84, a native and lifelong resident of Poquoson, passed away Sunday, Nov. 6, 2005. Mr. Diggs served during World War II in the U.S. Army 8th Air Corps. He retired in 1976 after 30 years of service for N.A.S.A. He was a member of Victory Christian Center, where he served as a deacon and superintendent of Sunday school.

Mr. Diggs was preceded in death by his parents, Annie and J.C. "Bud" Diggs Sr.; two brothers, J.C. Diggs Jr. and J.W. Diggs; and sister-in-law, Lois Diggs.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Muriel Diggs; two sons, Thomas R. Diggs Jr. and Joseph Daniel Diggs and wife, Patty; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Jackie Diggs; and four nephews, Jimmy Diggs, Ronnie Diggs, Douglas Diggs and Johnnie Diggs.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. tonight at Claytor Rollins Funeral Home and other times at 19 Terrace Drive. A funeral service will be at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday at Victory Christian Center by Pastor Donald G. Marsh. Burial will follow at Peninsula Memorial Park, Newport News, with military honors.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Poquoson Volunteer Rescue Squad, 830 Poquoson Ave., Poquoson, VA 23662, or Victory Christian Center Building Fund, P.O. Box 2169, Poquoson, VA 23662.

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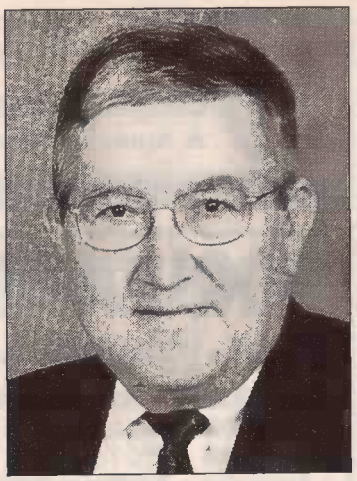

HAMPTON - Joseph R. Struhar, 67, passed away in Williamsburg on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2005.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pa., he moved to Hampton in 1960. He began a career at NASA in August 1960, as a staff accountant. He retired in June 2000 as the chief financial officer of the NASA/Langley Research Center. He served as a member of the City of Hampton Zoning Board for the past two years.

He was an active member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church for more than 40 years, where he served as a Lay Minister of Communion and a past member of the financial committee. He was also a member of the Walter Pollard Council 5480 of the Knights of Columbus for more than 25 years.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Catherine G. Struhar; his children, Andrew Joseph Struhar and wife, Catherine, of Sterling and Matthew Thomas Struhar of Las Vegas, Nev.; his grandson, Kirby Joseph Struhar of Sterling; mother, Charlotte Struhar of Pittsburgh, Pa.; two brothers, Charles Struhar and wife, Mary Ellen, of Columbia, Md., and Robert Struhar and wife, Cheryl, of Virginia Beach; and two sisters, Lillian Burg and husband, Claude, of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Delores Brackett and husband, David, of Bakersfield, Calif.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 7 p.m. tonight at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church. A Funeral Mass will follow at 7 p.m., with a reception immediately following in the church social hall. Burial will be conducted at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, in Peninsula Memorial Park, Newport News.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in the form of contributions to the American Heart Association, 500 Plume St. East, Suite 110, Norfolk, VA 23452.

Peninsula Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

LEONARD A. WRIGHT

POQUOSON - Leonard A. Wright, 85, of Poquoson, a retired engineering technician with NASA, died Friday, Oct. 28, 2005.

He was a member of Emmaus Baptist Church in Poquoson and a World War II U.S. Navy veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Reynolds Burch Wright; daughters, Loren Bayless and her husband, Tom, of Cooper City, Fla., and Lynne Bland and her husband, Thomas, of Poquoson; grandchildren, Kaitlyn and Jacob Bland; a niece, Nelda Bowman and her husband, Dexter, of Deltaville; and several great-nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Bristow-Faulkner Funeral Home, Saluda. Interment Harmony Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Topping. The family will receive friends at the funeral home one hour prior to the service on Monday.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Emmaus Baptist Church, 814 Yorktown Road, Poquoson, VA 23662.

COMPILED BY MANDY MALONE

JOSEPH R. STRUHAR

HAMPTON - Joseph R. Struhar, 67, husband of Catherine G. Struhar, died Saturday, Oct. 22, 2005. Visitation will be from 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church followed by a funeral service at 7 p.m. Arrangements by Peninsula Funeral Home.

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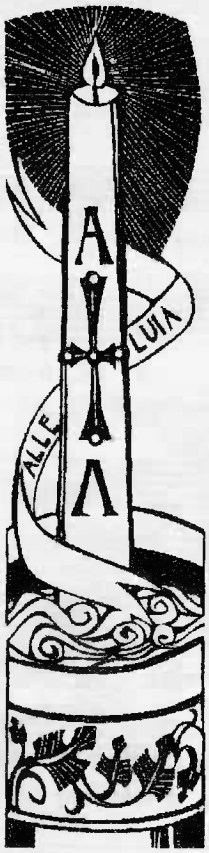

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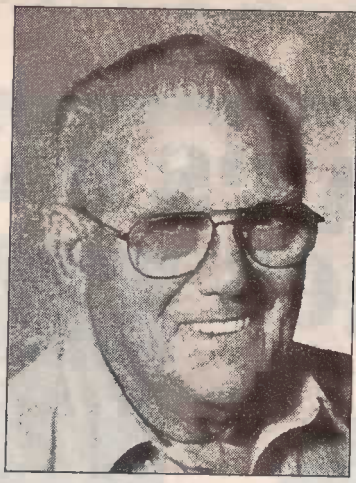

POQUOSON - Earl E. Williams, Sr., 85, went to play music with the angels on Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2005.

He was a native of Pittsburgh, and a Poquoson resident more than 60 years; was a World War II Army veteran; and retired from NASA Langley in 1985 after 33 years of service. He was a member of the Va. Peninsula Campers Assn. for many years. He loved to play his harmonica, and played for nursing homes and events in a small band.

Earl was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Elsie Williams; two sisters, Audrey Fair and Bonnie Williams; one brother, Eugene Williams; and his son, Robert "Bobby" Williams. He leaves behind his wife of 61 years, Ophelia Sue; a son, Earl Williams Jr. (Geneva); two daughters, Linda Sue King (Doug), and Patricia Pigford (Donald); daughter-in-law, Lesa Williams; and he had thirteen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren, who will miss their DEE-DEE.

The family will receive friends 7 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, at Claytor Rollins Funeral Home, and other times at the home. A funeral service will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, at the funeral home by the Rev. Milford C. Rollins. Burial will follow at Parklawn Memorial Park, Hampton, with military honors.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Poquoson Fire & Rescue Squad, 830 Poquoson Ave., Poquoson, VA 23662.

GEORGE WILLIAM LAMB

HAMPTON - George William Lamb, 84, of Hampton, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2005. He was born in Morrisdale, Pa. on April 24, 1921, to William and Ida Bell Lamb.

George served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and after returning from the war he graduated from the NACA apprentice school and went on to work for NASA Langley research facility in Hampton, Va. He retired in 1972, after 27 years as a Production Controller. He was the past president of the Cosmopolitan Club in Hampton, and was a founding member of the Sand Sharks Skin diving club and enjoyed many outdoor activities including fishing, water skiing, motorcycles and flying planes. George was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Hampton.

George was preceded in death by his son, William Lloyd Lamb, and he is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Mary S. Lamb and his beloved children, Barbara Hickman of Los Angeles, George W. Lamb II of Newport News and Sandra Skates of Yorktown; six grandchildren, Tyler Lamb, Abbey Lamb, Rachel Lamb, Amber Watson, Karina Hickman and Thomas Patrick Hickman.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that contributions be made to the First United Methodist Church of Hampton.

A graveside service will be conducted 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, at Parklawn Memorial Park. Following the service the family will receive friends at George and Eleanor Lamb's home.

Arrangements are under the care of Parklawn-Wood Funeral Home, 2551 N. Armistead Ave., Hampton.

WILLIAM CARR THORNTON

RICHMOND - William Carr Thornton of Richmond, Va., died Thursday, Nov. 17, 2005.

Born in Sussex Co., Va., on June 22, 1911, he was the son of Dr. Vaiden A. Thornton and Bessie C. Thornton. He graduated from Virginia Tech in 1939 and spent his career at NASA, Langley Research Center, Hampton, Va.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret Rose Thornton; his brother, J. Douglas Thornton; and his sister, Mary V. Thornton.

He is survived by his son, William C. Thornton Jr. and his wife, Ann Ailor Thornton; and his daughter, Mary Douglas Enghauser and her husband, David P. Enghauser; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at St. Marys Episcopal Church, Goochland, and at a later date at St. Johns Episcopal Church, Hampton, Va.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be sent to St. Johns Episcopal Church, 100 W. Queens Way, Hampton, VA 23669.

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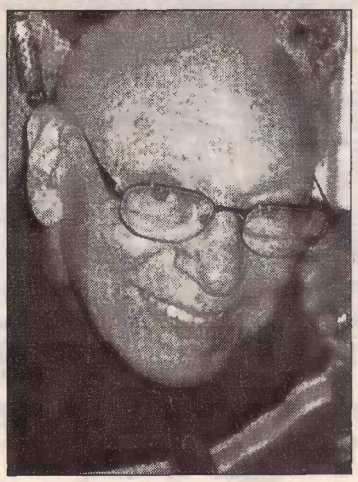

NEWPORT NEWS - Jacob "Jack" Herman Lichtenstein, 86, passed away Nov. 13, 2005.

A native of Bronx, N.Y., Jack had been a Newport News resident since 1942. A graduate of New York University, Jack later obtained his Masters in Aeronautical Engineering from the University of Virginia. Jack began his career at NACA in 1942, and after it became NASA, he was a Theoretical Aeronautical Research Engineer working on the Mercury and Apollo projects, including project fire involving heat shields, before retiring after 38 years.

Planes, trains, and automobiles were Jack's hobbies. At various times, he was avidly involved with remote control planes, H.O. trains and the old fashioned 356 Porsches. He also enjoyed art and photography.

His memberships included the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Engineers Club of Virginia Peninsula, Golden Jubilee Society for Polytechnic University, Porshe Club of America, C&O Society Historical Society and American Institute of Model Aeronautics.

An active member of Rodef Sholom Temple, Jack served as Brotherhood president, board member and taught Sunday school for 16 years. For his leadership in the United Jewish Appeal, he received numerous awards. He was a member of Hadassah Associates, appointed to the Vocational Education Advisory Counsel for Thomas Nelson Community College, past president of Riverside Civic Association, and licensed realtor with certification as a Fair Housing instructor.

Jack is survived by his wife of 58 years, Edythe Sarfan Lichtenstein; daughter, Rhonda Diamond and husband, Arthur Diamond, D.D.S.; two sons, Gary Lichtenstein, M.D., and wife, Vera, and Robert Lichtenstein, Esquire; four grandchildren, Erin, David and Jonathan Lichtenstein and Brian Diamond; sister, Marilyn Peltz; and his faithful, loyal companion dog, "Trevor."

He will be remembered as a devoted husband, a kind and gentle father, and a slow and steady man who loved to tell his stories.

A funeral service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, at Rodef Sholom Temple. Burial will follow in Rosenbaum Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to your favorite charity.

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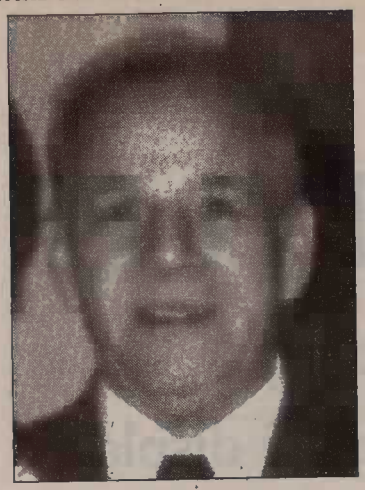
WINFRED LEE JONES

POQUOSON - Winfred Lee Jones, 77, a native of Nashville, Ark., and a resident of Poquoson for the past 42 years, passed away Thursday, November 24, 2005 at V.A. Palliative Care Center, Hampton. Winfred served in the Air Force and retired after 20 years of service. He also retired from N.A.S.A. as a Security Contract Manager after 20 years. He was a member of the American Legion Post 273 and Emmaus Baptist Church.

Winfred is survived by his loving wife of fifty-seven years, Marjorie H. Jones; two daughters, Brenda Gooding and husband, Tom, and two granddaughters, Erin Slater and husband, Gabe of Pensacola, Fla., and Alison Gooding of Poquoson; and Cheryl Moore and husband, Clay, and grandson, Jeremy Fox of Gloucester; six brothers, Joe Jones of TX., Cecil Jones, Bill Jones, Paul Jones, George Jones, and Ronnie Jones, all of Ark.; and two sisters, Annie Lou Steuart and Evelyn Ross, both from Ark.

The family will receive friends Sunday, 2-3:30 p.m. at Claytor Rollins Funeral Home, and other times at 650 Poquoson Avenue. A funeral service will be held Monday, 1:00 p.m. at the funeral home by Rev. John Snow. Burial will follow at Parklawn Memorial Park with military honors. Memorial contributions may be made to the Poquoson Rescue Squad, 830 Poquoson Ave., Poquoson, VA, 23662, or Emmaus Baptist Christian Outreach Center Fund, 814 Yorktown Road, Poquoson, VA, 23662.

HENRY 'HANK' EDWARD MORELLI SR.



HAMPTON - Henry "Hank" Edward Morelli Sr., 77, passed away Sunday, Nov. 13, 2005.

Born in Stillwater, N.Y., on Oct. 30, 1928, Hank was the son of Chester and Myrtle Morelli. He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Hilton and served his country in the Air Force.

Hank entered into the apprentice program of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 1340 in 1950 and graduated as a journeyman in 1954. During his 42 years with LU 1340, he worked on many projects including the Surry Nuclear Power Plant, Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel and the Lunar Landing facility at NASA. He was elected to the examining board and executive board and was instrumental in starting the retiree's club, of which he was their first member and president.

Hank is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Peggy Morelli; his beloved son and daughter, Henry "Chug" Morelli of Hampton and Linda Morelli Bump and husband, Chuck, of Hampton; one grandson, Dennis Tuinei and wife, Mary; three great-grandchildren; and three brothers and three sisters.

A service to celebrate Hank's life will be conducted 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 18, at First United Methodist Church of Hilton with the Rev. John LeGault officiating. Burial with military honors will follow at 2 p.m. in the Albert G. Horton Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk. The family will receive friends from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, at Parklawn-Wood Funeral Home.

Friends are encouraged to visit www.mem.com to share tributes or words of comfort with the family.

Arrangements are under the care of Parklawn-Wood Funeral Home, 2551 N. Armistead Ave., Hampton.

BRUCE FREDERICK REED

HAMPTON - Bruce Frederick Reed, 79, died Friday, Dec. 9, 2005.

Born in Washington County, Md., he had been a Hampton resident for many years. Mr. Reed retired first as a staff sergeant from the U.S. Air Force after 22 years of service and then worked in security at NASA Langley until retiring there.

Mr. Reed is survived by his daughter, Dorothy Dickerson of Hampton; grandson, David Trent Cullipher; and great-grandchildren, Elizabeth Cullipher, Shyan Cullipher, Da'lyla Dickerson and Samantha Dickerson.

A funeral service will be conducted at 2 p.m., Monday, Dec. 12, at R. Hayden Smith Funeral Home by the Rev. Jeffrey Cannon with interment to follow in Hampton Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends Sunday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

DOROTHY BURKE HALL

NEWPORT NEWS - Dorothy Burke Hall, 90, wife of Scott E. Hall for 68 years, passed away Sunday, Dec. 25, 2005.

Dottie was born June 26, 1915, at Braynefield, the Burke family Plantation in Caroline County, Va. Her childhood was spent in Chesterfield County where she graduated from Chester High School.

She was a payroll clerk for P. Lorillard Company and later for Edgeworth Tobacco Co. before joining NACA in Hampton in 1942. She worked in Technical Library and NASA systems engineering before retiring with 31 years of service. For 20 years after retiring she and Scott spent the winters in Bradenton, Fla., and the summers on the Peninsula.

In addition to her husband, Scott, she is survived by one sister, Mary Burke Warden of Virginia Beach, and two brothers, George Burke of Deltaville and Thomas Burke of Caroline Co., plus many nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28, at Parklawn-Wood Funeral Home followed by a graveside service at Parklawn Memorial Park at 11 a.m.

Friends are also encouraged to visit www.mem.com to share words of comfort with the family.

Arrangements are under the care of Parklawn-Wood Funeral Home, 2551 N. Armistead Ave., Hampton.